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**NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN RE: CATHODE RAY TUBE (CRT)** ) Master File No. 3:07-cv-5944 SC  
**ANTITRUST LITIGATION** )  
 ) MDL No. 1917  
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 ) **INDIRECT PURCHASER PLAINTIFFS'**  
 ) **SECOND CONSOLIDATED AMENDED**  
 ) **COMPLAINT**

**This document relates to:**

**ALL INDIRECT PURCHASER ACTIONS** ) The Honorable Samuel Conti  
 ) Special Master Charles A. Legge (Ret.)  
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Plaintiffs Brian Luscher, Jeffrey Figone, Carmen Gonzalez, Dana Ross, Steven Ganz, Jeshua Reza, Brady Lane Cotton, Colleen Sobotka, Daniel Riebow, Travis Bureau, Southern Office Supply, Inc., Barbara Caldwell, Andrew Kindt, James Brown, Kory Pentland, Alan Rotman, Chad Klebs, David Norby, Ryan Rizzo, Charles Jenkins, Daniel R. Hergert, Samuel J. Nasto, Adrienne Belai, Craig Stephenson, Joshua Maida, Gary Hanson, Donna Marie Ellingson, Frank Warner, Albert Sidney Crigler, Margaret Slagle, John Larch, and Brigid Terry (“Plaintiffs”), individually and on behalf of a Class of all those similarly situated in the United States, bring this action for damages and injunctive relief under state and federal antitrust, unfair competition, and consumer protection laws against the Defendants named herein, demanding trial by jury, and complaining and alleging as follows:

# **I. INTRODUCTION**

1. Plaintiffs bring this antitrust class action on behalf of individuals and entities that indirectly purchased Cathode Ray Tube Products (“CRT Products”) (as further defined below), in the United States from Defendants, their predecessors, any subsidiaries or affiliates thereof, or any of their unnamed co-conspirators, during the period beginning at least as early as March 1, 1995 until at least November 25, 2007 (the “Class Period”). Plaintiffs allege that during the Class Period the Defendants conspired to fix, raise, maintain and/or stabilize prices of CRT Products sold in the United States. Because of Defendants’ unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and other Class Members paid artificially inflated prices for CRT Products and have suffered antitrust injury to their business or property.

2. As further detailed below, beginning in at least 1995, Defendants Samsung, Philips, Daewoo, LG and Chunghwa met or talked with at least one other Defendant in order to discuss and agree upon CRT Product prices and the amount of CRT Products each would produce. Over time, these Defendants reached out to the other Defendant CRT Product manufacturers, including Toshiba, Panasonic, Hitachi, BMCC, IRICO, Thai CRT and Samtel, who then also met or talked with their competitors for the purpose of fixing the prices of CRT Products. By 1997, a formal system of multilateral and bilateral meetings was in place,

1 involving the highest levels of the Defendant corporations, all with the sole purpose of fixing the  
2 prices of CRT Products at supracompetitive levels.

3 3. Throughout the Class Period, Defendants' conspiracy was effective in  
4 moderating the normal downward pressure on prices for CRT Products caused by periods of  
5 oversupply and competition from new technologies, such as TFT-LCD and Plasma.  
6 Defendants' conspiracy resulted in unusually stable pricing and even rising prices in a very  
7 mature, declining market. As a result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and Class  
8 members paid higher prices for CRT Products than they would have paid in a competitive  
9 market.

10 4. This global conspiracy is being investigated by the Antitrust Division of the  
11 United States Department of Justice ("DOJ"), and by several other international competition  
12 authorities. On February 10, 2009, a federal grand jury in San Francisco issued a two-count  
13 indictment against C.Y. Lin, the former Chairman and CEO of Defendant Chunghwa Picture  
14 Tubes, Ltd., for his participation in a global conspiracy to fix the prices of CRTs used in  
15 computer monitors and televisions. This is the first indictment to be issued in the DOJ's  
16 ongoing investigation into the CRT industry.

## 17 **II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

18 5. This action is instituted under Section 16 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. § 26, to  
19 obtain injunctive relief for violations of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1, to recover  
20 damages under state antitrust, unfair competition, and consumer protection laws, and to recover  
21 costs of suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees, for the injuries that Plaintiffs and all others  
22 similarly situated sustained as a result of the Defendants' violations of those laws.

23 6. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the federal claim under 28 U.S.C.  
24 §§ 1331 and 1337. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the state law claims under 28  
25 U.S.C. § 1367 because those claims are so related to the federal claim that they form part of the  
26 same case or controversy.

27 7. This court also has subject matter jurisdiction over the state law claims pursuant  
28 to the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, which amended 28 U.S.C. § 1332 to add a new

1 subsection (d) conferring federal jurisdiction over class actions where, as here, “any member of  
2 a class of Plaintiffs is a citizen of a state different from any Defendant and the aggregated  
3 amount in controversy exceeds \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs.” This Court also has  
4 jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d) because “one or more members of the class is a citizen of  
5 a state within the United States and one or more of the Defendants is a citizen or subject of a  
6 foreign state.”

7 8. Venue is proper in this Judicial District pursuant to Section 12 of the Clayton Act  
8 (15 U.S.C. § 22) and 28 U.S.C. § 1391 (b), (c) and (d), because during the Class Period one or  
9 more of the Defendants resided, transacted business, was found, or had agents in, this district,  
10 and because a substantial part of the events giving rise to Plaintiffs’ claims occurred in this  
11 district, and a substantial portion of the affected portion of the interstate trade and commerce  
12 described below has been carried out in this district.

13 9. Defendants conduct business throughout the United States, including this  
14 jurisdiction, and they have purposefully availed themselves of the laws of the United States,  
15 including specifically the laws of the state of California and the individual states listed herein.  
16 Defendants’ products are sold in the flow of interstate commerce, and Defendants’ activities had  
17 a direct, substantial and reasonably foreseeable effect on such commerce.

18 10. Defendants’ conspiracy to fix the prices of CRT Products substantially affected  
19 commerce throughout the United States and in each of the states identified herein, because  
20 Defendants directly or through their agents, engaged in activities affecting each such state.  
21 Defendants have purposefully availed themselves of the laws of each of the states identified  
22 herein in connection with their activities relating to the production, marketing, and sale and/or  
23 distribution of CRT Products. Defendants produced, promoted, sold, marketed, and/or  
24 distributed CRT Products, thereby purposefully profiting from access to indirect purchaser  
25 consumers in each such state. As a result of the activities described herein, Defendants:

26 a. Caused damage to the residents of the states identified herein;  
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- b. Caused damage in each of the states identified herein by acts or omissions committed outside each such state and by regularly doing or soliciting business in each such state;
- c. Engaged in a persistent course of conduct within each state and/or derived substantial revenue from the marketing and sale of CRT Products in each such state; and
- d. Committed acts or omissions that they knew or should have known would cause damage (and, in fact, did cause damage) in each such state while regularly doing or soliciting business in each such state, engaging in other persistent courses of conduct in each such state, and/or deriving substantial revenue from the marketing and sale of CRT Products in each such state.

11. The conspiracy described herein adversely affected every person nationwide, and more particularly, consumers in each of the states identified in this Complaint, who indirectly purchased Defendants' CRT Products. Defendants' conspiracy has resulted in an adverse monetary effect on indirect purchasers in each state identified herein.

12. Prices of CRT Products in each state identified in this Complaint were raised to supracompetitive levels by the Defendants and their co-conspirators. Defendants knew that commerce in CRT Products in each of the states identified herein would be adversely affecting by implementing their conspiracy.

### **III. DEFINITIONS**

13. As used herein, the term "CRT" or "CRTs" stands for "cathode ray tube(s)." A CRT is a display technology used in televisions, computer monitors and other specialized applications. The CRT is a vacuum tube that is coated on its inside face with light sensitive phosphors. An electron gun at the back of the vacuum tube emits electron beams. When the electron beams strike the phosphors, the phosphors produce either red, green, or blue light. A system of magnetic fields inside the CRT, as well as varying voltages, directs the beams to

1 produce the desired colors. This process is rapidly repeated several times per second to produce  
2 the desired images.

3 14. There are two types of CRTs: color display tubes (“CDTs”) which are used in  
4 computer monitors and other specialized applications; and color picture tubes (“CPTs”) which  
5 are used in televisions. CDTs and CPTs are collectively referred to herein as “cathode ray  
6 tubes” or “CRTs.”

7 15. As used herein “CRT Products” includes (a) CRTs; and (b) products containing  
8 CRTs, such as television sets and computer monitors.

9 16. The “Class Period” or “relevant period” means the period beginning at least  
10 March 1, 1995 through at least November 25, 2007.

11 17. “Person” means any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or other  
12 business or legal entity.

13 18. “OEM” means any Original Equipment Manufacturer of CRT Products.

#### 14 **IV. PLAINTIFFS**

15 19. Plaintiff Jerry Cook is an Arkansas resident. During the relevant period, Mr.  
16 Cook indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-  
17 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

18 20. Plaintiff Brian Luscher is an Arizona resident. During the relevant period, Mr.  
19 Luscher indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-  
20 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

21 21. Plaintiff Jeffrey Figone is a California resident. During the relevant period, Mr.  
22 Figone indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-  
23 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

24 22. Plaintiff Carmen Gonzalez is a California resident. During the relevant period,  
25 Ms. Gonzalez indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their  
26 co-conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this  
27 Complaint.



1           23. Plaintiff Dana Ross is a California resident. During the relevant period, Mr. Ross  
2 indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-conspirators  
3 and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

4           24. Plaintiff Steven Ganz is a California resident. During the relevant period, Mr.  
5 Ganz indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-  
6 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

7           25. Plaintiff Jeshua Reza is a resident of the District of Columbia. During the  
8 relevant period, Mr. Reza indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the  
9 Defendants or their co-conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations  
10 alleged in this Complaint.

11           26. Plaintiff Brady Lane Cotton is a Florida resident. During the relevant period, Mr.  
12 Cotton indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-  
13 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

14           27. Plaintiff Colleen Sobotka is a Florida resident. During the relevant period, Ms.  
15 Sobotka indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-  
16 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

17           28. Plaintiff Daniel Riebow is a Hawaii resident. During the relevant period, Mr.  
18 Riebow indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-  
19 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

20           29. Plaintiff Travis Burau is an Iowa resident. During the relevant period, Mr. Burau  
21 indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-conspirators  
22 and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

23           30. Plaintiff Southern Office Supply, Inc. is a Kansas corporation. During the  
24 relevant period, Southern Office Supply, Inc. indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or  
25 more of the Defendants or their co-conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust  
26 violations alleged in this Complaint.

27           31. Plaintiff Barbara Caldwell is a Massachusetts resident. During the relevant  
28 period, Ms. Caldwell indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or

1 their co-conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this  
2 Complaint.

3 32. Plaintiff Andrew Kindt is a Michigan resident. During the relevant period, Mr.  
4 Kindt indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-  
5 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

6 33. Plaintiff James Brown is a Michigan resident. During the relevant period, Mr.  
7 Brown indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-  
8 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

9 34. Plaintiff Kory Pentland is a Michigan resident. During the relevant period, Mr.  
10 Pentland indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-  
11 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

12 35. Plaintiff Alan Rotman is a Minnesota resident. During the relevant period, Mr.  
13 Rotman indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-  
14 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

15 36. Plaintiff Chad Klebs is a Minnesota resident. During the relevant period, Mr.  
16 Klebs indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-  
17 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

18 37. Plaintiff David Norby is a Minnesota resident. During the relevant period, Mr.  
19 Norby indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-  
20 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

21 38. Plaintiff Ryan Rizzo is a Minnesota resident. During the relevant period, Mr.  
22 Rizzo indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-  
23 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

24 39. Plaintiff Charles Jenkins is a Mississippi resident. During the relevant period,  
25 Nasto indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-  
26 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

1           40.     Plaintiff Daniel R. Hergert is a Nebraska resident. During the relevant period,  
2 Mr. Hergert indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-  
3 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

4           41.     Plaintiff Samuel J. Nasto is a Nevada resident. During the relevant period, Mr.  
5 Nasto indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-  
6 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

7           42.     Plaintiff Craig Stephenson is a New Mexico resident. During the relevant period,  
8 Mr. Stephenson indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their  
9 co-conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this  
10 Complaint.

11           43.     Plaintiff Adrienne Belai was a New York resident during the Class Period.  
12 During the relevant period, Ms. Belai indirectly purchased CRT Products in New York from one  
13 or more of the Defendants or their co-conspirators and has been injured by reason of the  
14 antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

15           44.     Plaintiff Joshua Maida was a North Carolina resident during the Class Period.  
16 During the relevant period, Mr. Maida indirectly purchased CRT Products in North Carolina  
17 from one or more of the Defendants or their co-conspirators and has been injured by reason of  
18 the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

19           45.     Plaintiff Gary Hanson is a North Dakota resident. During the relevant period,  
20 Mr. Hanson indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-  
21 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

22           46.     Plaintiff Donna Marie Ellingson is a South Dakota resident. During the relevant  
23 period, Ms. Ellingson indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or  
24 their co-conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this  
25 Complaint.

26           47.     Plaintiff Frank Warner is a Tennessee resident. During the relevant period, Mr.  
27 Warner indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-  
28 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.



53. Defendant LG Electronics U.S.A., Inc. (“LGEUSA”) is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located at 1000 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632. LG Electronics USA, Inc. is a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of Defendant LG Electronics, Inc. During the class period, LG Electronics U.S.A., Inc. manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant LG Electronics, Inc. dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of LGEUSA relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

54. Defendant LG Electronics Taiwan Taipei Co., Ltd. (“LGETT”) is a Taiwanese entity with its principal place of business located at 7F, No.47, Lane3, Jihu Road, NeiHu District, Taipei City, Taiwan. LGETT is a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of Defendant LG Electronics, Inc. During the class period, LGETT manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant LG Electronics, Inc. dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of LGETT relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

55. Defendants LG Electronics, Inc., LGEUSA, and LGETT are collectively referred to herein as “LG.”

#### **Philips Entities**

56. Defendant Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V. a/k/a Royal Philips Electronics N.V. (“Royal Philips”) is a Dutch company with its principal place of business located at Amstelplein 2, Breitner Center, 1070 MX Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Royal Philips, founded in 1891, is one of the world’s largest electronics companies, with 160,900 employees located in over 60 countries. Royal Philips had sole ownership of its CRT business until 2001. In 2001, Royal Philips transferred its CRT business to a 50/50 CRT joint venture with defendant LG Electronics, Inc. forming Defendant LG.Philips Displays (n/k/a LP Displays International, Ltd.). In December 2005, as a result of increased pressure on demand and prices for CRT Products, Royal Philips wrote off the remaining book value of 126 million Euros of its investment and

1 said it would not inject further capital into the joint venture. During the Class Period, Royal  
2 Philips manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or  
3 indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

4 57. Defendant Philips Electronics North America Corporation (“PENAC”) is a  
5 Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located at 1251 Avenue of the  
6 Americas, New York, NY 10020-1104. Philips Electronics NA is a wholly owned and  
7 controlled subsidiary of Defendant Royal Philips. During the Class Period, Philips Electronics  
8 NA manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly  
9 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant  
10 Royal Philips dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of PENAC  
11 relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

12 58. Defendant Philips Electronics Industries (Taiwan), Ltd. (“Philips Electronics  
13 Taiwan”) is a Taiwanese company with its principal place of business located at 15F 3-1  
14 Yuanqu Street, Nangang District, Taipei, Taiwan. Philips Electronics Taiwan is a subsidiary of  
15 Defendant Royal Philips. During the Class Period, Philips Electronics Taiwan manufactured,  
16 marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its  
17 subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant Royal Philips  
18 dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Philips Electronics  
19 Taiwan relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

20 59. Defendant Philips da Amazonia Industria Electronica Ltda. (“Philips Brazil”) is a  
21 Brazilian company with its principal place of business located at Av Torquato Tapajos 2236, 1  
22 andar (parte 1), Flores, Manaus, AM 39048-660, Brazil. Philips Brazil is a wholly-owned and  
23 controlled subsidiary of Defendant Royal Philips. During the Class Period, Philips Brazil  
24 manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly  
25 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant  
26 Royal Philips dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Philips  
27 Brazil relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

60. Defendants Royal Philips, PENAC, PEIL, PCEC, Philips Electronics Taiwan, and Philips Brazil are collectively referred to herein as “Philips.”

**LP Displays**

61. Defendant LP Displays International, Ltd. f/k/a LG.Philips Displays (“LP Displays”) was created in 2001 as a 50/50 joint venture between Defendants LG Electronics, Inc. and Royal Philips Electronics of The Netherlands. In March 2007, LP Displays became an independent company organized under the laws of Hong Kong with its principal place of business located at Corporate Communications, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, ING Tower, 308 Des Voeux Road Central, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong. LP Displays is a leading supplier of CRTs for use in television sets and computer monitors with annual sales for 2006 of over \$2 billion, and a market share of 27%. LP Displays announced in March 2007 that Royal Philips and LG Electronics would cede control over the company and the shares would be owned by financial institutions and private equity firms. During the Class Period, LP Displays manufactured, marketed, sold and distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

**Samsung Entities**

62. Defendant Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. (“SEC”) is South Korean company with its principal place of business located at Samsung Main Building, 250, 2-ga, Taepyong-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul 100-742, South Korea. During the Class Period, SEC manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

63. Defendant Samsung Electronics America, Inc. (“SEAI”) is a New York corporation with its principal place of business located at 105 Challenger Road, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Ridgefield Park, New Jersey 07660. SEAI is a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of defendant SEC. During the Class Period, SEAI manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant SEC dominated and controlled the finances,



1 policies, and affairs of SEAI relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this  
2 Complaint.

3         64. Defendant Samsung SDI Co., Ltd. f/k/a Samsung Display Device Co., Ltd.  
4 (“Samsung SDI”), is a South Korean company with its principal place of business located at 15<sup>th</sup>  
5 – 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, Samsung Life Insurance Building, 150, 2-ga, Taepyong-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, 100-  
6 716, South Korea. Samsung SDI is a public company. SEC is a major shareholder holding  
7 almost 20 percent of the stock. Founded in 1970, Samsung SDI claims to be the world’s leading  
8 company in the display and energy businesses, with 28,000 employees and facilities in 18  
9 countries. In 2002, Samsung SDI held a 34.3% worldwide market share in the market for  
10 CRTs; more than another other producer. Samsung SDI has offices in Chicago and San Diego.  
11 During the Class Period, Samsung SDI manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT  
12 Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers  
13 throughout the United States. Defendant SEC dominated and controlled the finances,  
14 policies, and affairs of Samsung SDI relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this  
15 Complaint.

16         65. Defendant Samsung SDI America, Inc. (“Samsung SDI America”) is a California  
17 corporation with its principal place of business located at 3333 Michelson Drive, Suite 700,  
18 Irvine, California. Samsung SDI America is a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of  
19 Samsung SDI. During the Class Period, Samsung SDI America manufactured, marketed, sold  
20 and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or  
21 affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendants SEC and Samsung SDI  
22 dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Samsung SDI America  
23 relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

24         66. Defendant Samsung SDI Mexico S.A. de C.V. (“Samsung SDI Mexico”) is a  
25 Mexican company with its principal place of business located at Blvd. Los Olivos, No.21014,  
26 Parque Industrial El Florido, Tijuana, B.C. Mexico. Samsung SDI Mexico is a wholly-owned  
27 and controlled subsidiary of Defendant Samsung SDI. During the Class Period, Samsung SDI  
28 Mexico manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products to customers, either



1 directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, throughout the United States.  
2 Defendants SEC and Samsung SDI dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and  
3 affairs of Samsung SDI Mexico relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this  
4 Complaint.

5 67. Defendant Samsung SDI Brasil Ltda. (“Samsung SDI Brazil”) is a Brazilian  
6 company with its principal place of business located at Av. Eixo Norte Sul, S/N, Distrito  
7 Industrial, 69088-480 Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. Samsung SDI Brazil is a wholly-owned and  
8 controlled subsidiary of Defendant Samsung SDI. During the Class Period, Samsung SDI  
9 Brazil manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products to customers, either  
10 directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, throughout the United States.  
11 Defendants SEC and Samsung SDI dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and  
12 affairs of Samsung SDI Brazil relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this  
13 Complaint.

14 68. Defendant Shenzhen Samsung SDI Co. Ltd. (“Samsung SDI Shenzhen”) is a  
15 Chinese company with its principal place of business located at Huanggang Bei Lu, Futian Gu,  
16 Shenzhen, China. Samsung SDI Shenzhen is a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of  
17 Defendant Samsung SDI. During the Class Period, Samsung SDI Shenzhen manufactured,  
18 marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its  
19 subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant SEC and  
20 Samsung SDI dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Samsung  
21 SDI Shenzhen relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

22 69. Defendant Tianjin Samsung SDI Co., Ltd. (“Samsung SDI Tianjin”) is a Chinese  
23 company with its principal place of business located at Developing Zone of Yi-Xian Park,  
24 Wuqing County, Tianjin, China. Samsung SDI Tianjin is a wholly-owned and controlled  
25 subsidiary of Defendant Samsung SDI. During the Class Period, Samsung SDI Tianjin  
26 manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly  
27 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant  
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1 SEC and Samsung SDI dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of  
2 Samsung SDI Tianjin relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

3 70. Defendant Samsung SDI (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. (“Samsung SDI Malaysia”) is a  
4 Malaysian company with its principal place of business located at Lot 635 & 660, Kawasan  
5 Perindustrian, Tuanku, Jaafar, 71450 Sungai Gadut, Negeri Semblian Darul Khusus, Malaysia.  
6 Samsung SDI Malaysia is a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of Defendant Samsung SDI  
7 Co., Ltd. During the Class Period, Samsung SDI Malaysia manufactured, marketed, sold and/or  
8 distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to  
9 customers throughout the United States. Defendant SEC and Samsung SDI dominated and  
10 controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Samsung SDI Malaysia relating to the  
11 antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

12 71. Defendants SEC, SEAI, Samsung SDI, Samsung SDI America, Samsung SDI  
13 Mexico, Samsung SDI Brazil, Samsung SDI Shenzhen, Samsung SDI Tianjin, and Samsung  
14 SDI Malaysia are referred to collectively herein as “Samsung.”

15 **Toshiba Entities**

16 72. Defendant Toshiba Corporation is a Japanese corporation with its principal place  
17 of business at 1-1, Shibaura 1-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-8001, Japan. In 2001, Toshiba  
18 Corporation held a 5-10 % worldwide market share for CRTs used in televisions and computer  
19 monitors. In December 1995, Toshiba Corporation partnered with Orion Electric Company  
20 (n/k/a Daewoo Electronics Corporation) and two other non-defendant entities to form P.T.  
21 Tosummit Electronic Devices Indonesia (“TEDI”) in Indonesia. TEDI was projected to have an  
22 annual production capacity of 2.3 million CRTs by 1999. In 2002, Toshiba Corporation entered  
23 into a joint venture with Defendant Panasonic Corporation called MT Picture Display Co., Ltd.  
24 in which the entities consolidated their CRT businesses. During the Class Period, Toshiba  
25 Corporation manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or  
26 indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

27 73. Defendant Toshiba America, Inc. (“Toshiba America”) is a Delaware corporation  
28 with its principal place of business located at 1251 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 4110, New

1 York, NY 10020. Toshiba America is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of defendant  
2 Toshiba Corporation. During the Class Period, Toshiba America sold and/or distributed CRT  
3 Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers  
4 throughout the United States. Defendant Toshiba Corporation dominated and controlled  
5 the finances, policies, and affairs of Toshiba America relating to the antitrust violations  
6 alleged in this Complaint.

7 74. Defendant Toshiba America Consumer Products, LLC (“TACP”) is  
8 headquartered in 82 Totawa Rd., Wayne, New Jersey 07470-3114. TACP is a wholly owned  
9 and controlled subsidiary of Defendant Toshiba Corporation through Toshiba America. During  
10 the Class Period, TACP sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly  
11 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant  
12 Toshiba Corporation dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of  
13 TACP relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

14 75. Defendant Toshiba America Information Systems, Inc. (“TAIP”) is a California  
15 corporation with its principal place of business located at 9740 Irvine Blvd., Irvine, California  
16 92718. TAIP is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of Toshiba Corporation through  
17 Toshiba America, Inc. During the Class Period, TAIP manufactured, marketed, sold and/or  
18 distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to  
19 customers throughout the United States. Defendant Toshiba Corporation dominated and  
20 controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of TAIP relating to the antitrust violations  
21 alleged in this Complaint.

22 76. Defendant Toshiba America Electronics Components, Inc. (“TAEC”) is a  
23 California corporation with its principal place of business located at 9775 Toledo Way, Irvine,  
24 California 92618, and 19000 MacArthur Boulevard, Suite 400, Irvine, California 92612. TAEC  
25 is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of Toshiba America, Inc., which is a holding  
26 company for defendant Toshiba Corporation. TAEC is currently the North American sales and  
27 marketing representative for defendant MTPD. Before MTPD’s formation in 2003, TAEC was  
28 the North American engineering, manufacturing, marketing and sales arm of defendant Toshiba

1 Corporation. During the Class Period, TAEC manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed  
2 CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers  
3 throughout the United States. Defendant Toshiba Corporation dominated and controlled  
4 the finances, policies, and affairs of TAEC relating to the antitrust violations alleged in  
5 this Complaint.

6 77. Toshiba Display Devices (Thailand) Company, Ltd. (“TDDT”) was a Thai  
7 company with its principal place of business located at 142 Moo 5 Bangkadi Industrial Estate,  
8 Tivanon Road, Pathum Thani, Thailand 12000. TDDT was a wholly-owned and controlled  
9 subsidiary of defendant Toshiba Corporation. Toshiba Corporation transferred Toshiba  
10 Thailand to its CRT joint venture with Panasonic Corporation, MT Picture Display Co., Ltd., in  
11 2003. It was re-named as MT Picture Display (Thailand) Co., Ltd. and operated as a wholly-  
12 owned subsidiary of MT Picture Display until its closure in 2007. During the Class Period,  
13 TDDT manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or  
14 indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.  
15 Defendant Toshiba Corporation dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and  
16 affairs of TDDT relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

17 78. P.T. Tosummit Electronic Devices Indonesia (“TEDI”) was a CRT joint venture  
18 formed by Toshiba Corporation, Orion Electric Company and two other non-defendant entities  
19 in December 1995. TEDI’s principal place of business was located in Indonesia. TEDI was  
20 projected to have an annual production capacity of 2.3 million CRTs by 1999. In 2003, TEDI  
21 was transferred to MT Picture Display Co., Ltd. and its name was changed to PT.MT Picture  
22 Display Indonesia. During the Class Period, TEDI manufactured, marketed, sold and/or  
23 distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to  
24 customers throughout the United States. Defendant Toshiba Corporation dominated and  
25 controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of TEDI relating to the antitrust violations  
26 alleged in this Complaint.

27 79. Defendants Toshiba Corporation, Toshiba America, Inc., TACP, TAIP, TAEC,  
28 TDDT and TEDI are referred to collectively herein as “Toshiba.”

**Panasonic Entities**

80. Defendant Panasonic Corporation, which was at all times during the Class Period known as Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. and only became Panasonic Corporation on October 1, 2008, is a Japanese entity with its principal place of business located at 1006 Oaza Kadoma, Kadoma-shi, Osaka 571-8501, Japan. In 2002, Panasonic Corporation entered into a CRT joint venture with defendant Toshiba forming defendant MT Picture Display Co., Ltd. (“MTPD”). Panasonic Corporation was the majority owner with 64.5 percent. On April 3, 2007, Panasonic Corporation purchased the remaining 35.5 percent stake in the joint venture, making MTPD a wholly-owned subsidiary of Panasonic Corporation. In 2005, the Panasonic brand had the highest CRT Product revenue in Japan. During the Class Period, Panasonic Corporation manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

81. Defendant Panasonic Corporation of North America (“Panasonic NA”) is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located at One Panasonic Way, Secaucus, New Jersey. Panasonic NA is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of Defendant Panasonic Corporation. During the Class Period, Panasonic NA manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant Panasonic Corporation dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Panasonic NA relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

82. Matsushita Electronic Corporation (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd. (“Matsushita Malaysia”) was a Malaysian company with its principal place of business located at Lot 1, Persiaran Tengku Ampuan Section 21, Shah Alam Industrial Site, Shah Alam, Malaysia 40000. Matsushita Malaysia was a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of Defendant Panasonic Corporation. Panasonic Corporation transferred Matsushita Malaysia to its CRT joint venture with Toshiba Corporation, MT Picture Display Co., Ltd., in 2003. It was re-named as MT Picture Display (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. and operated as a wholly-owned subsidiary of MT Picture Display until its closure in 2006. During the Class Period, Matsushita Malaysia manufactured, marketed, sold

1 and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or  
2 affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant Panasonic Corporation  
3 dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Matsushita Malaysia  
4 relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

5 83. Defendants Panasonic Corporation, Panasonic NA and Matsushita Malaysia are  
6 collectively referred to herein as “Panasonic.”

7 84. Defendant MT Picture Display Co., Ltd. (“MTPD”) was established as a CRT  
8 joint venture between defendants Panasonic Corporation and Toshiba. MTPD is a Japanese  
9 entity with its principal place of business located at 1-1, Saiwai-cho, Takatsuki-shi, Osaka 569-  
10 1193, Japan. On April 3, 2007, defendant Panasonic Corporation purchased the remaining stake  
11 in MTPD, making it a wholly-owned subsidiary, and renaming it MT Picture Display Co., Ltd.  
12 During the Class Period, MTPD manufactured, sold and distributed CRT Products, either  
13 directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United  
14 States.

15 85. Defendant Beijing-Matsushita Color CRT Company, Ltd. (“BMCC”) is a  
16 Chinese company with its principal place of business located at No. 9, Jiuxianqiao N. Rd.,  
17 Dashanzi Chaoyang District, Beijing, China. BMCC is a joint venture company, 50% of which  
18 is held by defendant MTPD. The other 50% is held by Beijing Orient Electronics (Group) Co.,  
19 Ltd., China National Electronics Import & Export Beijing Company (a China state-owned  
20 enterprise), and Beijing Yayunchun Branch of the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China,  
21 Ltd. (a China state-owned enterprise). Formed in 1987, BMCC was Matsushita’s (n/k/a  
22 Panasonic) first CRT manufacturing facility in China. BMCC is the second largest producer of  
23 CRTs in China. During the Class Period, BMCC manufactured, marketed, sold and/or  
24 distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to  
25 customers throughout the United States.

26 **Hitachi Entities**

27 86. Defendant Hitachi, Ltd. is a Japanese company with its principal place of  
28 business located at 6-1 Marunouchi Center Building 13F, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8280, Japan.

1 Hitachi Ltd. is the parent company for the Hitachi brand of CRT Products. In 1996, Hitachi,  
2 Ltd.'s worldwide market share for color CRTs was 20 percent. During the Class Period, Hitachi  
3 Ltd. manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly  
4 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

5 87. Hitachi Displays, Ltd. ("Hitachi Displays") is a Japanese company with its  
6 principal place of business located at AKS Building, 3 Kandaneibeicho 3, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo,  
7 101-0022, Japan. Hitachi Displays, Ltd. was originally established as Mobara Works of Hitachi,  
8 Ltd. in Mobara City, Japan, in 1943. In 2002, all the departments of planning, development,  
9 design, manufacturing and sales concerned with the display business of Hitachi, Ltd. were spun  
10 off to create a separate company called Hitachi Displays, Ltd. During the Class Period, Hitachi  
11 Displays, Ltd. manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or  
12 indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.  
13 Defendant Hitachi, Ltd. dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of  
14 Hitachi Displays relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

15 88. Hitachi Electronic Devices (USA), Inc. ("HEDUS") is a Delaware corporation  
16 with its principal place of business located as 1000 Hurricane Shoals Road, Ste. D-100,  
17 Lawrenceville, GA 30043. HEDUS is a subsidiary of defendants Hitachi Displays, Ltd. and  
18 Hitachi, Ltd. During the Class Period, HEDUS manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed  
19 CRT Products to customers, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to  
20 customers throughout the United States. Defendant Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi Displays,  
21 Ltd. dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of HEDUS relating to  
22 the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

23 89. Defendant Hitachi America, Ltd. ("Hitachi America") is a New York company  
24 with its principal place of business located at 2000 Sierra Point Parkway, Brisbane, California  
25 94005. Hitachi America is a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of defendant Hitachi, Ltd.  
26 During the Class Period, Hitachi America sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly  
27 or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.



1 Defendant Hitachi, Ltd. dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of  
2 Hitachi America relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

3 90. Defendant Hitachi Asia, Ltd. (“Hitachi Asia”) is a Singapore company with its  
4 principal place of business located at 16 Collyer Quay, #20-00 Hitachi Tower, Singapore,  
5 049318. Hitachi Asia is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of defendant Hitachi, Ltd.  
6 During the Class Period, Hitachi Asia manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT  
7 Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers  
8 throughout the United States. Defendant Hitachi, Ltd. dominated and controlled the  
9 finances, policies, and affairs of Hitachi Asia relating to the antitrust violations alleged  
10 in this Complaint.

11 91. Shenzhen SEG Hitachi Color Display Devices, Ltd. (“Hitachi Shenzhen”) was a  
12 Chinese company with its principal place of business located at 5001 Huanggang Road, Futian  
13 District, Shenzhen 518035, China. Hitachi Displays, Ltd. owned at least a 25% interest in  
14 Hitachi Shenzhen until November 8, 2007 (which was coincidentally around the time that the  
15 government investigations into the CRT industry began). Thus, Hitachi Shenzhen was a  
16 member of the Hitachi corporate group for all but the last two weeks of the Class Period.  
17 During the Class Period, Hitachi Shenzhen manufactured, sold and distributed CRT Products,  
18 either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the  
19 United States. Defendants Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi Displays dominated and controlled  
20 the finances, policies, and affairs of Hitachi Shenzhen relating to the antitrust  
21 violations alleged in this Complaint.

22 92. Defendants Hitachi Ltd., Hitachi Displays, Hitachi America, HEDUS, Hitachi  
23 Asia, and Hitachi Shenzhen are collectively referred to herein as “Hitachi.”

24 **Tatung**

25 93. Defendant Tatung Company of America, Inc. (“Tatung America”) is a California  
26 corporation with its principal place of business located at 2850 El Presidio Street, Long Beach,  
27 California. Tatung America is a subsidiary of Tatung Company. Currently, Tatung Company  
28 owns approximately half of Tatung America. The other half used to be owned by Lun Kuan



Lin, the daughter of Tatung Company's former Chairman, T.S. Lin. Following Lun Kuan Lin's recent death, her share recently passed to her two children. During the Class Period, Tatung America manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

**Chunghwa Entities**

94. Defendant Chunghwa Picture Tubes Ltd. ("CPT") is a Taiwanese company with its principal place of business located at 1127 Heping Road, Bade City, Taoyuan, Taiwan. CPT was founded in 1971 by Tatung Company. Throughout the majority of the Class Period, Tatung Company owned a substantial share in CPT. Although Tatung Company's holdings in CPT have fallen over time, it retains substantial control over CPT's operations. Tatung Company lists Chunghwa on its website as one of its "global subsidiaries." And the Chairman of CPT, Weishan Lin, is also the Chairman and General Manager of Tatung Company. CPT is a leading manufacturer of CRTs. During the Class Period, CPT manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, both directly and through its wholly-owned and controlled subsidiaries in Malaysia, China, and Scotland, to customers throughout the United States.

95. Defendant Chunghwa Picture Tubes (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. ("Chunghwa Malaysia") is a Malaysian company with its principal place of business located at Lot 1, Subang Hi-Tech Industrial Park, Batu Tiga, 4000 Shah Alam, Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia. Chunghwa Malaysia a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of defendant Chunghwa Picture Tubes. Chunghwa Malaysia is a leading worldwide supplier of CRTs. During the Class Period, Chunghwa Malaysia manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant CPT dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Chunghwa Malaysia relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

96. Defendants CPT and Chunghwa Malaysia are collectively referred to herein as "Chunghwa."

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**IRICO Entities**

97. Defendant IRICO Group Corporation (“IGC”) is a Chinese corporation with its principal place of business located at 1 Caihong Rd., Xianyang City, Shaanxi Province 712021. IGC is the parent company for multiple subsidiaries engaged in the manufacture, marketing, sale and/or distribution of CRT Products. During the Class Period, IGC manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

98. Defendant IRICO Display Devices Co., Ltd. (“IDDC”) is a Chinese company with its principal place of business located at No. 16, Fenghui South Road West, District High-tech Development Zone, Xi’an, SXI 710075. IDDC is a partially-owned subsidiary of defendant IGC. In 2006, IDDC was China’s top CRT maker. During the Class Period, IDDC manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant IGC dominated and controlled the finances, policies and affairs of IDDC relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

99. Defendant IRICO Group Electronics Co., Ltd. (“IGE”) is a Chinese company with its principal place of business located at 1 Caihong Rd., Xianyang City, Shaanxi Province 712021. IGE is owned by Defendant IGC. According to its website, IGE was the first CRT manufacturer in China and one of the leading global manufacturers of CRTs. Their website also claims that in 2003, they were the largest CRT manufacturer in China in terms of production and sales volume, sales revenue and aggregated profit and taxation. During the Class Period, IGE manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant IGC dominated and controlled the finances, policies and affairs of IGE relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

100. Defendants IGC, IDDC, and IGE are collectively referred to herein as “IRICO.”

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**Thai CRT**

101. Defendant Thai CRT Company, Ltd. (“Thai CRT”) is a Thai company with its principal place of business located at 1/F Siam Cement Road, Bangsue Dusit, Bangkok, Thailand. Thai CRT is a subsidiary of Siam Cement Group. It was established in 1986 as Thailand’s first manufacturer of CRTs for color televisions. During the Class Period, Thai CRT manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

**Samtel**

102. Defendant Samtel Color, Ltd. (“Samtel”) is an Indian company with its principal place of business located at 52, Community Centre, New Friends Colony, New Delhi-110065. Samtel’s market share for CRTs sold in India is approximately 40%. Samtel is India’s largest exporter of CRTs. Samtel has gained safety approvals from the United States, Canada, Germany and Great Britain for its CRT Products. During the Class Period, Samtel manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

**Daewoo/Orion Entities**

103. During the Class Period, Orion Electric Company (“Orion”) was a major manufacturer of CRTs. Orion was a Korean corporation which filed for bankruptcy in 2004. In 1995, approximately 85% of Orion’s \$1 billion in sales was attributed to CRTs. Orion was involved in CRT Product sales and manufacturing joint ventures and had subsidiaries all over the world, including South Africa, France, Indonesia, Mexico, and the United States. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that Orion was wholly owned by the “Daewoo Group.” The Daewoo Group included Daewoo Electronics Company, Ltd., Daewoo Telecom Company, Daewoo Corporation, and Orion Electric Components Company. The Daewoo Group was dismantled in or around 1999. Daewoo Electronics and Orion were 50/50 joint venture partners in an entity called Daewoo-Orion Société Anonyme (“DOSA”) in France. As of approximately 1996, DOSA produced 1.2 million CRTs annually. Daewoo sold DOSA’s CRT business in or around 2004. In December 1995, Orion partnered with defendant Toshiba Corporation and two other

1 non-defendant entities to form P.T. Tosummit Electronic Devices Indonesia (“TEDI”) in  
2 Indonesia. TEDI was projected to have an annual production capacity of 2.3 million CRTs by  
3 1999. During the Class Period, Orion, Daewoo Electronics, TEDI and DOSA manufactured,  
4 marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through their  
5 subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

6 104. Daewoo Electronics, Orion, and DOSA are collectively referred to herein as  
7 “Daewoo.”

8 105. All of the above-listed defendants are collectively referred to herein as  
9 “Defendants.”

#### 10 **VI. AGENTS AND CO-CONSPIRATORS**

11 106. Various other persons, firms and corporations, not named as Defendants herein,  
12 and presently unknown to Plaintiffs, have participated as co-conspirators with Defendants and  
13 have performed acts and made statements in furtherance of the conspiracy and/or in furtherance  
14 of the anticompetitive, unfair or deceptive conduct. Plaintiffs reserve the right to name some or  
15 all of these Persons as Defendants at a later date.

16 107. Whenever in this Complaint reference is made to any act, deed or transaction of  
17 any corporation, the allegation means that the corporation engaged in the act, deed or transaction  
18 by or through its officers, directors, agents, employees or representatives while they were  
19 actively engaged in the management, direction, control or transaction of the corporation’s  
20 business or affairs.

21 108. Defendants are also liable to acts done in furtherance of the alleged conspiracy by  
22 companies they acquired through mergers or acquisitions.

23 109. Each of the Defendants named herein acted as the agent or joint venturer of or for  
24 the other Defendants with respect to the acts, violations and common course of conduct alleged  
25 herein. Each Defendant which is a subsidiary of a foreign parent acts as the sole United States  
26 agent for CRT Products made by its parent company.

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1                                   **VII. INTERSTATE TRADE AND COMMERCE**

2           110. Throughout the Class Period, each Defendant, or one or more of its subsidiaries,  
3 sold CRT Products in the United States in a continuous and uninterrupted flow of interstate and  
4 international commerce, including through and into this judicial district.

5           111. During the Class Period, Defendants collectively controlled the vast majority of  
6 the market for CRT Products, both globally and in the United States.

7           112. Defendants' unlawful activities, as described herein, took place within the flow  
8 of interstate commerce to purchasers of CRT Products located in states other than the states in  
9 which Defendants are located, as well as throughout the world, and had a direct, substantial and  
10 reasonably foreseeable effect upon interstate and international commerce, including the United  
11 States markets for CRT Products.

12                                   **VIII. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

13           **A. CRT Technology**

14           113. CRT technology was first developed more than a century ago. The first  
15 commercially practical CRT television was made in 1931. It was not until the RCA Corporation  
16 introduced the product at the 1939 World's Fair, however, that it became widely available to  
17 consumers. Since then, CRTs have become the heart of most display products, including  
18 televisions, computer monitors, oscilloscopes, air traffic control monitors, and ATMs. Even  
19 large public displays, including many scoreboards at sports arenas, are comprised of thousands  
20 of single color CRTs.

21           114. As noted above, the CRT is a vacuum tube that is coated on its inside face with  
22 light sensitive phosphors. An electron gun at the back of the vacuum tube emits electron beams.  
23 When the electron beams strike the phosphors, the phosphors produce either red, green, or blue  
24 light. A system of magnetic fields inside the CRT, as well as varying voltages, directs the  
25 beams to produce the desired colors. This process is rapidly repeated several times per second  
26 to produce the desired images.

115. The quality of a CRT display is dictated by the quality of the CRT itself. No external control or feature can make up for a poor quality tube. In this regard, the CRT defines the whole product such that the product is often simply referred to as “the CRT.”

116. Until the last few years, CRTs were the dominant technology used in displays, including television and computer monitors. During the Class Period, this translated into the sale of millions of CRT Products, generating billions of dollars in annual profits.

**B. Structural Characteristics Of The CRT Market**

117. The structural characteristics of the CRT Product market are conducive to the type of collusive activity alleged in this Complaint. These characteristics include market concentration, ease of information sharing, the consolidation of manufacturers, multiple interrelated business relationships, significant barriers to entry, maturity of the CRT Product market, and homogeneity of products.

**a. Market Concentration**

118. During the Class Period, the CRT industry was dominated by relatively few companies. In 2004, defendants Samsung SDI, LG.Philips Displays (n/k/a LP Displays), MT Picture Display and Chunghwa together held a collective 78% share of the global CRT market. The high concentration of market share facilitates coordination since there are fewer cartel members among which to coordinate pricing or allocate markets, and it is easier to monitor the pricing and production of other cartel members.

**b. Information Sharing**

119. Because of common membership in trade associations for the CRT Product market and related markets (for e.g., TFT-LCD), interrelated business arrangements such as joint ventures, allegiances between companies in certain countries, and relationships between the executives of certain companies, there were many opportunities for Defendants to discuss and exchange competitive information. The ease of communication was facilitated by the use of meetings, telephone calls, e-mails, and instant messages. Defendants took advantage of these opportunities to discuss and agree upon their pricing for CRT Products.

120. Defendants Chunghwa, Hitachi and Samsung are all members of the Society for Information Display. Defendants Samsung and LG Electronics, Inc. are two of the co-founders of the Korea Display Industry Association. Similarly, Daewoo, LG Electronics, LP Displays, and Samsung are members of the Electronic Display Industrial Research Association. Upon information and belief, Defendants used these trade associations as vehicles for discussing and agreeing upon their pricing for CRT Products. At the meetings of these trade associations, Defendants exchanged proprietary and competitively sensitive information which they used to implement and monitor the conspiracy.

**c. Consolidation**

121. The CRT Product industry also had significant consolidation during the Class Period, including but not limited to: (a) the creation of LG.Philips Displays (n/k/a LP Displays) in 2001 as a joint venture between Royal Philips and LG Electronics, Inc.; and (b) the 2002 merger of Toshiba and Matsushita/Panasonic's CRT business into MTPD.

122. Defendants also consolidated their manufacturing facilities in lower cost venues such as China and reduced manufacturing capacity to prop up prices.

**d. Multiple Interrelated Business Relationships**

123. The CRT Product industry has a close-knit nature whereby multiple business relationships between supposed competitors blur the lines of competition and provided ample opportunity to collude. These business relationships also created a unity of interest among competitors so that the conspiracy was easier to implement and enforce than if such interrelationships did not exist.

124. Examples of the high degree of cooperation among Defendants in both the CRT Product market and other closely related markets include the following:

a. The formation of the CRT joint venture LG.Philips Displays in 2001 by Defendants LG Electronics, Inc. and Royal Philips.

b. Defendants LG Electronics, Inc. and Royal Philips also formed LG.Philips LCD Co., Ltd., n/k/a LG Display Co., Ltd. in 1999 as a joint venture for the purpose of manufacturing TFT-LCD panels.

c. The formation of the CRT joint venture MTPD in 2003 by Defendants Toshiba and Panasonic.

d. Defendants Toshiba and Panasonic also formed Toshiba-Matsushita Display Technology Co., Ltd. as a joint venture for the purpose of manufacturing TFT-LCD panels.

e. In December 1995, Defendants Daewoo and Toshiba partnered with two other non-Defendant entities to form TEDI which manufactured CRTs in Indonesia.

f. Defendants Daewoo and Toshiba also signed a cooperative agreement relating to LCDs in 1995. Pursuant to the agreement, Daewoo produced STN LCDs, and Toshiba, which had substituted its STN LCD production with TFT LCD production, marketed Daewoo's STN LCDs globally through its network.

g. Also in 1995, Defendant Chunghwa entered into a technology transfer agreement with Defendant Toshiba for large CPTs.

h. Defendant Chunghwa has a joint venture with Defendant Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. for the production of liquid crystal display panels. Chunghwa now licenses the technology from Defendant Royal Philips, a recent development that helped resolve a patent infringement suit filed in 2002.

i. Defendants LG Electronics, Inc. and Hitachi Ltd. entered into a joint venture in 2000 for the manufacture, sale and distribution of optical storage products such as DVD drives.

j. Defendant Samtel participates in a joint venture, Samcor Glass Limited, with Defendant Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. and non-Defendant Corning Inc., USA for the production and supply of picture tube glass.

k. Defendant Samtel claims to have supplied CRTs to Defendants LG Electronics, Inc., Samsung, Royal Philips, and Panasonic.

**e. High Costs Of Entry Into The Industry**

125. There are substantial barriers to entry in the CRT Products industry. It would require substantial time, resources and industry knowledge to even potentially overcome the



1 barriers to entry. It is also extremely unlikely that a new producer would enter the market in  
2 light of the declining demand for CRT Products.

3 **f. The Maturity Of The CRT Product Market**

4 126. Newer industries are typically characterized by rapid growth, innovation and high  
5 profits. The CRT Product market is a mature one, and like many mature industries, is  
6 characterized by slim profit margins, creating a motivation to collude.

7 127. Demand for CRT Products was declining throughout the Class Period. Static or  
8 declining demand is another factor which makes the formation of a collusive arrangement more  
9 likely because it provides a greater incentive to firms to avoid price competition.

10 128. In addition, conventional CRT televisions and computer monitors were being  
11 rapidly replaced by TFT-LCD and Plasma displays. This was one of the factors which led  
12 Defendants to engage in this alleged price fixing scheme in order to slow down declining CRT  
13 Product prices. Between 2000 and 2006, revenues from the sale of CRT televisions in the  
14 United States declined by 50.7 percent and are predicted to decline by an additional 84.5 percent  
15 between 2006 and 2010.

16 129. Although demand was declining as a result of the popularity of flat-panel  
17 LCD/plasma televisions and LCD monitors, CRT televisions and monitors were still the  
18 dominant display technology during the Class Period, making Defendants' collusion and the  
19 international price fixing conspiracy worthwhile. Due to the high costs of LCD panels and  
20 plasma displays during the Class Period, a substantial market for CRT Products existed as a  
21 cheaper alternative to these new technologies.

22 130. In 1999, CRT monitors accounted for 94.5 percent of the retail market for  
23 computer monitors in North America. By 2002, that figure had dropped to 73 percent; still a  
24 substantial share of the market.

25 131. As for CRT televisions, they accounted for 73 percent of the North American  
26 television market in 2004, and by the end of 2006, still held a 46 percent market share. CRT  
27 televisions continue to dominate the global television market, accounting for 75 percent of  
28 worldwide TV units in 2006.

1           **g. Homogeneity Of CRT Products**

2           132. CRT Products are commodity-like products which are manufactured in  
3 standardized sizes. One Defendant's CRT Products for a particular application, such as a  
4 particular size television set or computer monitor, is substitutable for another's. Defendants sell  
5 and Plaintiffs (and Class members) purchase CRT Products primarily on the basis of price.

6           133. It is easier to form and sustain a cartel when the product in question is  
7 commodity-like because it is easier to agree on prices to charge and to monitor those prices once  
8 an agreement is formed.

9           **C. Pre-Conspiracy Market**

10          134. The genesis of the CRT conspiracy was in the late 1980s as the CRT Products  
11 business became more international and the Defendants began serving customers that were also  
12 being served by other international companies. During this period, the employees of Defendants  
13 would encounter employees from their competitors when visiting their customers. A culture of  
14 cooperation developed over the years and these Defendant employees would exchange market  
15 information on production, capacity, and customers.

16          135. In the early 1990s, representatives from Samsung, Daewoo, Chunghwa and  
17 Orion visited each other's factories in S.E. Asia. During this period, these producers began to  
18 include discussions about price in their meetings. The pricing discussions were usually limited,  
19 however, to exchanges of the range of prices that each competitor had quoted to specific  
20 customers.

21           **D. Defendants' And Co-Conspirators' Illegal Agreements**

22          136. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that in order to control  
23 and maintain profitability during declining demand for CRT Products, Defendants and their co-  
24 conspirators have engaged in a contract, combination, trust or conspiracy, the effect of which  
25 has been to raise, fix, maintain and/or stabilize the prices at which they sold CRT Products to  
26 artificially inflated levels from at least March 1, 1995 through at least November 25, 2007.

27          137. The CRT conspiracy was effectuated through a combination of group and  
28 bilateral meetings. In the formative years of the conspiracy (1995-1996), bilateral discussions

1 were the primary method of communication and took place on an informal, ad hoc basis.  
2 During this period, representatives from Defendants LG, Samsung and Daewoo visited the other  
3 Defendant manufacturers including Philips, Chunghwa, Thai CRT, Hitachi, Toshiba, and  
4 Panasonic to discuss increasing prices for CRT Products in general and to specific customers.  
5 These meetings took place in Taiwan, South Korea, Thailand, Japan, Malaysia, Indonesia, and  
6 Singapore.

7 138. Defendants Samsung, Chunghwa, LG and Daewoo also attended several ad hoc  
8 group meetings during this period. The participants at these group meetings also discussed  
9 increasing prices for CRT Products.

10 139. As more manufacturers formally entered the conspiracy, group meetings became  
11 more prevalent. Beginning in 1997, the Defendants began to meet in a more organized,  
12 systematic fashion, and a formal system of multilateral and bilateral meetings was put in place.  
13 Defendants' representatives attended hundreds of these meetings during the Class Period.

14 140. The overall CRT conspiracy raised and stabilized worldwide prices (including  
15 United States prices) that Defendants charged for CRT Products.

16 **a. "Glass Meetings"**

17 141. The group meetings among the participants in the CRT price-fixing conspiracy  
18 were referred to by the participants as "Glass Meetings" or "GSM." Glass Meetings were  
19 attended by employees at three general levels of the Defendants' corporations.

20 142. The first level of these meetings were attended by high level company executives  
21 including CEOs, Presidents, and Vice Presidents, and were known as "Top Meetings." Top  
22 Meetings occurred less frequently, typically quarterly, and were focused on longer term  
23 agreements and forcing compliance with price fixing agreements. Because attendees at Top  
24 Meetings had authority as well as more reliable information, these meetings resulted in  
25 agreements. Attendees at Top Meetings were also able to resolve disputes because they were  
26 decision makers who could make agreements.

27 143. The second level of meetings were attended by the Defendants' high level sales  
28 managers and were known as "Management Meetings." These meetings occurred more

1 frequently, typically monthly, and handled implementation of the agreements made at Top  
2 Meetings.

3 144. Finally, the third level of meetings were known as “Working Level Meetings”  
4 and were attended by lower level sales and marketing employees. These meetings generally  
5 occurred on a weekly or monthly basis and were mostly limited to the exchange of information  
6 and discussing pricing since the lower level employees did not have the authority to enter into  
7 agreements. These lower level employees would then transmit the competitive information up  
8 the corporate reporting chain to those individuals with pricing authority. The Working Level  
9 Meetings also tended to be more regional and often took place near Defendants’ factories. In  
10 other words, the Taiwanese manufacturers’ employees met in Taiwan, the Korean  
11 manufacturers’ employees met in Korea, the Chinese in China, and so on.

12 a. The Chinese Glass Meetings began in 1998 and generally occurred on a  
13 monthly basis following a top or management level meeting. The China meetings had the  
14 principal purpose of reporting what had been decided at the most recent Glass Meeting to the  
15 Chinese manufacturers. Participants at the Chinese meetings included the manufacturers located  
16 in China, such as IRICO and BMCC, as well as the China-based branches of the other  
17 Defendants, including but not limited to Hitachi Shenzhen, Samsung SDI Shenzhen, Samsung  
18 SDI Tianjin, and Chunghwa.

19 b. Glass Meetings also occurred occasionally in various European countries.  
20 Attendees at these meetings included those Defendants which had subsidiaries and/or  
21 manufacturing facilities located in Europe, including Philips, LG, LP Displays, Chunghwa,  
22 Samsung, Daewoo (usually DOSA attended these meetings on behalf of Daewoo), and IRICO.

23 145. Representatives of the Defendants also attended what were known amongst  
24 members of the conspiracy as “Green Meetings.” These were meetings held on golf courses.  
25 The Green Meetings were generally attended by top and management level employees of the  
26 Defendants.

27 146. During the Class Period, Glass Meetings took place in Taiwan, South Korea,  
28 Europe, China, Singapore, Japan, Indonesia, Thailand, and Malaysia.

1           147. Participants would often exchange competitively sensitive information prior to a  
2 Glass Meeting. This included information on inventories, production, sales and exports. For  
3 some such meetings, where information could not be gathered in advance of the meeting, it was  
4 brought to the meeting and shared.

5           148. The Glass Meetings at all levels followed a fairly typical agenda. First, the  
6 participants exchanged competitive information such as proposed future CRT pricing, sales  
7 volume, inventory levels, production capacity, exports, customer orders, price trends, and  
8 forecasts of sales volumes for coming months. The participants also updated the information  
9 they had provided in the previous meeting. Each meeting had a rotating, designated “Chairman”  
10 who would write the information on a white board. The meeting participants then used this  
11 information to discuss and agree upon what price each would charge for CRTs to be sold in the  
12 following month or quarter. They discussed and agreed upon target prices, price increases, so-  
13 called “bottom” prices, and price ranges for CRTs. They also discussed and agreed upon prices  
14 of CRTs that were sold to specific customers, and agreed upon target prices to be used in  
15 negotiations with large customers. Having analyzed the supply and demand, the participants  
16 would also discuss and agree upon production cutbacks.

17           149. During periods of oversupply, the focus of the meeting participants turned to  
18 making controlled and coordinated price reductions. This was referred to as setting a “bottom  
19 price.”

20           150. Defendants’ conspiracy included agreements on the prices at which certain  
21 Defendants would sell CRTs to their own corporate subsidiaries and affiliates that manufactured  
22 end products, such as televisions and computer monitors. Defendants realized the importance of  
23 keeping the internal pricing to their affiliated OEMs at a high enough level to support the CRT  
24 pricing in the market to other OEMs. In this way, Defendants ensured that all direct purchaser  
25 OEMs paid supracompetitive prices for CRTs.

26           151. Each of the participants in these meetings knew, and in fact discussed, the  
27 significant impact that the price of CRTs had on the cost of the finished products into which  
28 they were placed. Like CRTs themselves, the market for CRT Products was a mature one, and

1 there were slim profit margins. The Defendants therefore concluded that in order to make their  
2 CRT price increases stick, they needed to make the increase high enough that their direct  
3 customers (CRT TV and monitor makers) would be able to justify a corresponding price  
4 increase to their customers. In this way, Defendants ensured that price increases for CRTs were  
5 passed on to indirect purchasers of CRT Products.

6 152. The agreements reached at the Glass Meetings included:

- 7 a. agreements on CRT Product prices, including establishing target prices,  
8 “bottom” prices, price ranges, and price guidelines;
- 9 b. placing agreed-upon price differentials on various attributes of CRT  
10 Products, such as quality or certain technical specifications;
- 11 c. agreements on pricing for intra-company CRT Product sales to vertically  
12 integrated customers;
- 13 d. agreements as to what to tell customers about the reason for a price  
14 increase;
- 15 e. agreements to coordinate with competitors that did not attend the group  
16 meetings and agreements with them to abide by the agreed-upon pricing;
- 17 f. agreements to coordinate pricing with CRT manufacturers in other  
18 geographic markets such as Brazil, Europe and India;
- 19 g. agreements to exchange pertinent information regarding shipments,  
20 capacity, production, prices and customers demands;
- 21 h. agreements to coordinate uniform public statements regarding available  
22 capacity and supply;
- 23 i. agreements to allocate both overall market shares and share of a particular  
24 customer’s purchases;
- 25 j. agreements to allocate customers;
- 26 k. agreements regarding capacity, including agreements to restrict output  
27 and to audit compliance with such agreements; and
- 28 l. agreements to keep their meetings secret.

1           153.   Efforts were made to monitor each Defendant's adherence to these agreements in  
2 a number of ways, including seeking confirmation of pricing both from customers and from  
3 employees of the Defendants themselves. When cheating did occur, it was addressed in at least  
4 four ways: 1) monitoring; 2) attendees at the meetings challenging other attendees if they did not  
5 live up to an agreement; 3) threats to undermine a competitor at one of its principal customers;  
6 and 4) a recognition in a mutual interest in living up to the target price and living up to the  
7 agreements that had been made.

8           154.   As market conditions worsened in 2005-2007, and the rate of replacement of  
9 CRT Products by TFT-LCDs increased, the group Glass Meetings became less frequent and  
10 bilateral meetings again became more prevalent. In addition, in December 2006 the DOJ issued  
11 subpoenas to manufacturers of TFT-LCDs and so the CRT co-conspirators began to have  
12 concerns about antitrust issues.

13           **b.     Bilateral Discussions**

14           155.   Throughout the Class Period, the Glass Meetings were supplemented by bilateral  
15 discussions between various Defendants. The bilateral discussions were more informal than the  
16 group meetings and occurred on a frequent, ad hoc basis, often between the group meetings.  
17 These discussions, usually between sales and marketing employees, took the form of in-person  
18 meetings, telephone contacts and emails.

19           156.   During the Class Period, in-person bilateral meetings took place in Malaysia,  
20 Indonesia, Taiwan, China, United Kingdom, Singapore, South Korea, Japan, Thailand, Brazil  
21 and Mexico.

22           157.   The purpose of the bilateral discussions was to exchange information about past  
23 and future pricing, confirm production levels, share sales order information, confirm pricing  
24 rumors, and coordinate pricing with manufacturers in other geographic locations, including  
25 Brazil, Mexico and Europe.

26           158.   In order to ensure the efficacy of their global conspiracy, the Defendants also  
27 used bilateral meetings to coordinate pricing with CRT Product manufacturers in Brazil and  
28 Mexico, such as Philips Brazil, Samsung SDI Brazil, and Samsung SDI Mexico. These

1 Brazilian and Mexican manufacturers were particularly important because they served the North  
2 American market for CRT Products. As further alleged herein, North America was the largest  
3 market for CRT televisions and computer monitors during the Class Period. Because these  
4 Brazilian and Mexican manufacturers are all wholly-owned and controlled subsidiaries of  
5 Defendants Philips and Samsung SDI, they adhered to the unlawful price-fixing agreements. In  
6 this way, the Defendants ensured that prices of all CRT Products imported into the United States  
7 were fixed, raised, maintained and/or stabilized at supracompetitive levels.

8 159. Defendants also used bilateral discussions with each other during price  
9 negotiations with customers to avoid being persuaded by customers to cut prices. The  
10 information gained in these communications was then shared with supervisors and taken into  
11 account in determining the price to be offered.

12 160. Bilateral discussions were also used to coordinate prices with CRT Product  
13 manufacturers that did not ordinarily attend the group meetings, such as Defendants Hitachi,  
14 Toshiba, Panasonic, Thai CRT, and Samtel. It was often the case that in the few days following  
15 a Top or Management Meeting, the attendees at these group meetings would meet bilaterally  
16 with the other Defendant manufacturers for the purpose of communicating whatever CRT  
17 Product pricing and/or output agreements had been reached during the meeting.

18 161. For example, Samsung had a relationship with Hitachi and was responsible for  
19 communicating CRT Product pricing agreements to Hitachi. LG had a relationship with  
20 Toshiba and was responsible for communicating CRT Product pricing agreements to Toshiba.  
21 And Thai CRT had a relationship with Samtel and was responsible for communicating CRT  
22 Product pricing agreements to Samtel. Hitachi, Toshiba and Samtel implemented the agreed-  
23 upon pricing as conveyed by Samsung, LG, and Thai CRT. Sometimes Hitachi and Toshiba  
24 also attended the Glass Meetings. In this way, Hitachi, Toshiba and Samtel participated in the  
25 conspiracy to fix prices of CRT Products.

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**c. Defendants' And Co-Conspirators' Participation In Group And Bilateral Discussions**

162. Between at least 1995 and 2007, Defendant Samsung, through SEC, Samsung SDI, Samsung SDI Malaysia, Samsung SDI Shenzhen, and Samsung SDI Tianjin, participated in at least 200 Glass Meetings at all levels. A substantial number of these meetings were attended by the highest ranking executives from Samsung. Samsung also engaged in bilateral discussions with each of the other Defendants on a regular basis. Through these discussions, Samsung agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products.

163. Defendants SEAI, Samsung SDI America, Samsung SDI Brazil, and Samsung SDI Mexico were represented at those meetings and were a party to the agreements entered at them. To the extent SEC and SEAI sold and/or distributed CRT Products, they played a significant role in the conspiracy because Defendants wished to ensure that the prices for CRT Products paid by direct purchasers would not undercut the CRT pricing agreements reached at the Glass Meetings. Thus, SEAI, Samsung SDI America, Samsung SDI Brazil, and Samsung SDI Mexico were active, knowing participants in the alleged conspiracy.

164. Between at least 1995 and 2001, Defendant LG, through LG Electronics, Inc. and LGETT, participated at least 100 Glass Meetings at all levels. After 2001, LG participated in the CRT Product conspiracy through its joint venture with Philips, LG.Philips Displays (n/k/a LP Displays). A substantial number of these meetings were attended by the highest ranking executives from LG. LG also engaged in bilateral discussions with each of the other Defendants on a regular basis. Through these discussions, LG agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products. LG never effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

165. Defendant LGEUSA was represented at those meetings and was a party to the agreements entered at them. To the extent LGEUSA sold and/or distributed CRT Products, they played a significant role in the conspiracy because Defendants wished to ensure that the prices for CRT Products paid by direct purchasers would not undercut the pricing agreements reached at the Glass Meetings. Thus, LGEUSA was an active, knowing participant in the alleged conspiracy.

1           166. Between at least 1996 and 2001, Defendant Philips, through Royal Philips and  
2 Philips Taiwan, participated at least 100 Glass Meetings at all levels. After 2001, Philips  
3 participated in the CRT Product conspiracy through its joint venture with LG, LG.Philips  
4 Displays (n/k/a LP Displays). A substantial number of these meetings were attended by high  
5 level executives from Philips. Philips also engaged in numerous bilateral discussions with other  
6 Defendants. Through these discussions, Philips agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT  
7 Products. Philips never effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

8           167. Defendants PENAC and Philips Brazil were represented at those meetings and  
9 were a party to the agreements entered at them. To the extent PENAC and Philips Brazil sold  
10 and/or distributed CRT Products to direct purchasers, they played a significant role in the  
11 conspiracy because Defendants wished to ensure that the prices for CRT Products paid by direct  
12 purchasers would not undercut the pricing agreements reached at the Glass Meetings. Thus,  
13 PENAC and Philips Brazil were active, knowing participants in the alleged conspiracy.

14           168. Between at least 2001 and 2006, Defendant LP Displays (f/k/a LG.Philips  
15 Displays) participated at least 100 Glass Meetings at all levels. A substantial number of these  
16 meetings were attended by the highest ranking executives from LP Displays. Certain of these  
17 high level executives from LP Displays had previously attended meetings on behalf of  
18 defendants LG and Philips. LP Displays also engaged in bilateral discussions with other  
19 Defendants. Through these discussions, LP Displays agreed on prices and supply levels for  
20 CRT Products.

21           169. Between at least 1995 and 2006, Defendant Chunghwa, through CPT, Chunghwa  
22 Malaysia, and representatives from their factories in Fuzhuo (China) and Scotland, participated  
23 in at least 100 Glass Meetings at all levels. A substantial number of these meetings were  
24 attended by the highest ranking executives from Chunghwa, including the former Chairman and  
25 CEO of CPT, C.Y. Lin. Chunghwa also engaged in bilateral discussions with each of the other  
26 Defendants on a regular basis. Through these discussions, Chunghwa agreed on prices and  
27 supply levels for CRT Products.

1           170. Defendant Tatung America was represented at those meetings and was a party to  
2 the agreements entered at them. To the extent Tatung America sold and/or distributed CRT  
3 Products to direct purchasers, it played a significant role in the conspiracy because Defendants  
4 wished to ensure that the prices for CRT Products paid by direct purchasers would not undercut  
5 the pricing agreements reached at the Glass Meetings. Thus, Tatung America was an active,  
6 knowing participant in the alleged conspiracy.

7           171. Between at least 1995 and 2004, Daewoo, through Daewoo Electronics, Orion  
8 and DOSA, participated in at least 100 Glass Meetings at all levels. A substantial number of  
9 these meetings were attended by the highest ranking executives from Daewoo. Daewoo also  
10 engaged in bilateral discussions with other Defendants on a regular basis. Through these  
11 discussions, Daewoo agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products. Bilateral  
12 discussions with Daewoo continued until Orion, its wholly-owned CRT subsidiary, filed for  
13 bankruptcy in 2004. Daewoo never effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

14           172. Between at least 1995 and 2003, Defendant Toshiba, through Toshiba  
15 Corporation, TDDT and TEDI, participated in several Glass Meetings. After 2003, Toshiba  
16 participated in the CRT conspiracy through its joint venture with Panasonic, MTPD. These  
17 meetings were attended by high level sales managers from Toshiba and MTPD. Toshiba also  
18 engaged in multiple bilateral discussions with other Defendants, particularly with LG. Through  
19 these discussions, Toshiba agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products. Toshiba never  
20 effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

21           173. Defendants Toshiba America, Inc., TACP, TAIP and TAEC were represented at  
22 those meetings and were a party to the agreements entered at them. To the extent Toshiba  
23 America, Inc., TACP, TAIP and TAEC sold and/or distributed CRT Products to direct  
24 purchasers, they played a significant role in the conspiracy because Defendants wished to ensure  
25 that the prices for CRT Products paid by direct purchasers would not undercut the pricing  
26 agreements reached at the Glass Meetings. Thus, Toshiba America, TACP, TAIP, and TAEC  
27 were active, knowing participants in the alleged conspiracy.

1           174. Between at least 1996 and 2001, Defendant Hitachi, through Hitachi, Ltd.,  
2 Hitachi Displays, Hitachi Shenzhen, and Hitachi Asia, participated in several Glass Meetings.  
3 These meetings were attended by high level sales managers from Hitachi. Hitachi also engaged  
4 in multiple bilateral discussions with other Defendants, particularly with Samsung. Through  
5 these discussions, Hitachi agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products. Hitachi never  
6 effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

7           175. Defendants Hitachi America and HEDUS were represented at those meetings and  
8 were a party to the agreements entered at them. To the extent Hitachi America and HEDUS  
9 sold and/or distributed CRT Products to direct purchasers, they played a significant role in the  
10 conspiracy because Defendants wished to ensure that the prices for CRT Products paid by direct  
11 purchasers would not undercut the pricing agreements reached at the Glass Meetings. Thus,  
12 Hitachi America and HEDUS were active, knowing participants in the alleged conspiracy.

13           176. Between at least 1996 and 2003, Defendant Panasonic (known throughout the  
14 class period as Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), through Panasonic Corporation and  
15 Matsushita Malaysia, participated in several Glass Meetings. After 2003, Panasonic participated  
16 in the CRT conspiracy through its joint venture with Toshiba, MTPD. These meetings were  
17 attended by high level sales managers from Panasonic and MTPD. Panasonic also engaged in  
18 multiple bilateral discussions with other Defendants. Through these discussions, Panasonic  
19 agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products. Panasonic never effectively withdrew  
20 from this conspiracy.

21           177. Panasonic NA was represented at those meetings and was a party to the  
22 agreements entered at them. To the extent Panasonic NA sold and/or distributed CRT Products  
23 to direct purchasers, it played a significant role in the conspiracy because Defendants wished to  
24 ensure that the prices for CRT Products paid by direct purchasers would not undercut the pricing  
25 agreements reached at the Glass Meetings. Thus, Panasonic NA was an active, knowing  
26 participant in the alleged conspiracy.

27           178. Between at least 2003 and 2006, Defendant MTPD participated in multiple Glass  
28 Meetings and in fact led many of these meetings during the latter years of the conspiracy. These

1 meetings were attended by high level sales managers from MTPD. MTPD also engaged in  
2 bilateral discussions with other Defendants. Through these discussions, MTPD agreed on prices  
3 and supply levels for CRT Products.

4 179. Between at least 1998 and 2007, Defendant BMCC participated in multiple Glass  
5 Meetings. These meetings were attended by high level sales managers from BMCC. BMCC  
6 also engaged in multiple bilateral discussions with other Defendants, particularly the other  
7 Chinese CRT manufacturers. Through these discussions, BMCC agreed on prices and supply  
8 levels for CRT Products. None of BMCC's conspiratorial conduct in connection with CRT  
9 Products was mandated by the Chinese government. BMCC was acting to further its own  
10 independent private interests in participating in the alleged conspiracy.

11 180. Between at least 1998 and 2007, Defendant IRICO, through IGC, IGE, and  
12 IDDC, participated in multiple Glass Meetings. These meetings were attended by the highest  
13 ranking executives from IRICO. IRICO also engaged in multiple bilateral discussions with  
14 other Defendants, particularly with other Chinese manufacturers. Through these discussions,  
15 IRICO agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products. None of IRICO's conspiratorial  
16 conduct in connection with CRT Products was mandated by the Chinese government. IRICO  
17 was acting to further its own independent private interests in participating in the alleged  
18 conspiracy.

19 181. Between at least 1997 and 2006, Defendant Thai CRT participated in multiple  
20 Glass Meetings. These meetings were attended by the highest ranking executives from Thai  
21 CRT. Thai CRT also engaged in multiple bilateral discussions with other Defendants,  
22 particularly with Samtel. Through these discussions, Thai CRT agreed on prices and supply  
23 levels for CRT Products. Thai CRT never effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

24 182. Between at least 1998 and 2006, Defendant Samtel participated in multiple  
25 bilateral discussions with other Defendants, particularly with Thai CRT. These meetings were  
26 attended by high level executives from Samtel. Through these discussions, Samtel agreed on  
27 prices and supply levels for CRT Products. Samtel never effectively withdrew from this  
28 conspiracy.

183. When Plaintiffs refer to a corporate family or companies by a single name in their allegations of participation in the conspiracy, Plaintiffs are alleging that one or more employees or agents of entities within the corporate family engaged in conspiratorial meetings on behalf of every company in that family. In fact, the individual participants in the conspiratorial meetings and discussions did not always know the corporate affiliation of their counterparts, nor did they distinguish between the entities within a corporate family. The individual participants entered into agreements on behalf of, and reported these meetings and discussions to, their respective corporate families. As a result, the entire corporate family was represented in meetings and discussions by their agents and were parties to the agreements reached in them.

#### **E. The CRT Market During The Conspiracy**

184. Until the last few years, CRTs were the dominant technology used in displays, including television and computer monitors. During the Class Period, this translated into the sale of millions of CRT Products, generating billions of dollars in annual profits.

185. The following data was reported by Stanford Resources, Inc., a market research firm focused on the global electronic display industry:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Units Sold (millions)</b>	<b>Revenue (billion US dollars)</b>	<b>Average Selling Price Per Unit</b>
1998	90.5	\$18.9	\$208
1999	106.3	\$19.2	\$181
2000	119.0	\$28.0	\$235

186. During the Class Period, North America was the largest market for CRT TVs and computer monitors. According to a report published by Fuji Chimera Research, the 1995 worldwide market for CRT monitors was 57.8 million units, 28 million of which (48.5 percent) were consumed in North America. By 2002, North America still consumed around 35 percent of the world's CRT monitor supply. *See, The Future of Liquid Crystal and Related Display Materials*, Fuji Chimera Research, 1997, p.12.

187. Defendants' collusion is evidenced by unusual price movements in the CRT Product market during the Class Period. In the 1990s, industry analysts repeatedly predicted

declines in consumer prices for CRT Products that did not fully materialize. For example, in 1992, an analyst for Market Intelligent Research Corporation predicted that “[e]conomies of scale, in conjunction with technological improvements and advances in manufacturing techniques, will produce a drop in the price of the average electronic display to about \$50 in 1997.” Information Display 9/92 p.19. Despite such predictions, and the existence of economic conditions warranting a drop in prices, CRT Product prices nonetheless remained stable.

188. In 1996, another industry source noted that “the price of the 14” tube is at a sustainable USD50 and has been for some years....”

189. In early 1999, despite declining production costs and the rapid entry of flat panel display products, the price of large sized color CRTs actually rose. The price increase was allegedly based on increasing global demand. In fact, this price increase was a result of the collusive conduct as herein alleged.

190. After experiencing oversupply of 17” CRTs in the second half of 1999, the average selling price of CRTs rose again in early 2000. A March 13, 2000 article in *Infotech Weekly* quoted an industry analyst as saying that this price increase was “unlike most other PC-related products.”

191. A BNET Business Network news article from August 1998 reported that “key components (cathode ray tubes) in computer monitors have risen in price. ‘Although several manufacturers raised their CRT prices in the beginning of August, additional CRT price increases are expected for the beginning of October....While computer monitor price increases may be a necessary course of action, we [CyberVision, a computer monitor manufacturer] do not foresee a drop in demand if we have to raise our prices relative to CRT price increases.’”

192. A 2004 article from Techtree.com reports that various computer monitor manufacturers, including LG Electronics, Philips, and Samsung, were raising the price of their monitors in response to increases in CRT prices caused by an alleged shortage of glass shells used to manufacture the tubes. Philips is quoted as saying that, “It is expected that by the end of September this year [2004] there will be 20% hike in the price of our CRT monitors.”



1           193. Defendants also conspired to limit production of CRTs by shutting down  
2 production lines for days at a time, and closing or consolidating their manufacturing facilities.

3           194. For example, the Defendants' CRT factory utilization percentage fell from 90  
4 percent in the third quarter of 2000 to 62 percent in the first quarter of 2001. This is the most  
5 dramatic example of a drop in factory utilization. There were sudden drops throughout the  
6 Class Period but to a lesser degree. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that these sudden,  
7 coordinated drops in factory utilization by the Defendants were the result of Defendants'  
8 agreements to decrease output in order to stabilize the prices of CRT Products.

9           195. During the Class Period, while demand in the United States for CRT Products  
10 continued to decline, Defendants' conspiracy was effective in moderating the normal downward  
11 pressures on prices for CRT Products caused by the entry and popularity of the new generation  
12 LCD panels and plasma display products. As Finsen Yu, President of Skyworth Macao  
13 Commerical Offshore Co., Ltd., a television maker, was quoted in January of 2007: "[t]he CRT  
14 technology is very mature; prices and technology have become stable."

15           196. During the Class Period, there were not only periods of unnatural and sustained  
16 price stability, but there were also increases in prices of CRT Products. These price increases  
17 were despite the declining demand due to the approaching obsolescence of CRT Products  
18 caused by the emergence of a new, potentially superior and clearly more popular, substitutable  
19 technology.

20           197. These price increases and price stability in the market for CRT Products during  
21 the Class Period are inconsistent with a competitive market for a product facing rapidly  
22 decreasing demand caused by a new, substitutable technology.

23           **F. International Government Antitrust Investigations**

24           198. Defendants' conspiracy to fix, raise, maintain and stabilize the prices of, and  
25 restrict output for, CRT Products sold in the United States during the Class Period, is  
26 demonstrated by a multinational investigation commenced by the Antitrust Division of the  
27 United States Department of Justice ("DOJ") and others in November 2007.



1           199. On November 8, 2007, antitrust authorities in Europe, Japan and South Korea  
2 raided the offices of manufacturers of CRTs as part of an international investigation of alleged  
3 price fixing.

4           200. On February 10, 2009, the DOJ issued a press release announcing that a federal  
5 grand jury in San Francisco had that same day returned a two-count indictment against the  
6 former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Defendant Chunghwa Picture Tubes, Ltd.,  
7 Cheng Yuan Lin, aka C.Y. Lin, for his participation in global conspiracies to fix the prices of  
8 two types of CRTs used in computer monitors and televisions. The press release notes that  
9 “[t]his is the first charge as a result of the Antitrust Division’s ongoing investigation into the  
10 cathode ray tubes industry.” The press release further notes that Lin had previously been  
11 indicted for his participation in a conspiracy to fix the prices of TFT-LCDs. Mr. Lin’s  
12 indictment states that the combination and conspiracy to fix the prices of CRTs was carried out,  
13 in part, in the Northern District of California.

14           201. Defendant MT Picture Display Co., Ltd., the CRT unit of Defendant Panasonic,  
15 has confirmed that it was raided by Japan’s Fair Trade Commission.

16           202. *Kyodo News* reported on November 8, 2007, upon information and belief, that  
17 MT Picture Display fixed prices for CRTs with manufacturers in three Asian countries,  
18 including South Korea’s Samsung SDI Co.

19           203. *Kyodo News* further reported that:

20                   Officials of these three companies are believed to have had at least 10  
21                   meetings since 2005 in major Asian cities to coordinate target prices when  
22                   delivering their products to TV manufacturers in Japan and South Korea,  
                    the sources said.

23           204. Defendant Samsung SDI Co., Ltd. was raided by South Korea’s Fair Trade  
24 Commission, which has started an investigation into Samsung’s CRT business.

25           205. The *Asian Shimbun* further reported on November 10, 2007 that “[t]he  
26 representatives held meetings in Southeast Asia where the companies operate CRT factories, the  
27 sources said. The European Commission, the European Union’s executive branch, and the U.S.  
28 Justice Department have been investigating four companies’ [referring to the four Asian-based

1 manufacturers—MT Picture Display, Samsung SDI Co., Chunghwa Picture Tubes, LP Displays]  
 2 overseas units and are closely consulting with the Fair Trade Commission by sharing  
 3 information.”

4 206. On November 21, 2007, Defendant Royal Philips publicly disclosed that it too is  
 5 subject to one or more investigations into anticompetitive conduct in the CRT industry. Royal  
 6 Philips spokesman Joon Knapen declined to comment on which jurisdictions have started  
 7 investigations. Royal Philips stated that it intended to assist the regulators.

8 207. In its 2008 Annual Report, Defendant Toshiba reports that “[t]he Group is also  
 9 being investigated by the [European] Commission and/or the U.S. Department of Justice for  
 10 potential violations of competition laws with respect to semiconductors, LCD products, cathode  
 11 ray tubes (CRT) and heavy electrical equipment.”

12 208. On May 6, 2008, the Hungarian Competition Authority (“HCA”) announced its  
 13 own investigation into the CRT cartel. The HCA described the cartel as follows:

14 The Hungarian Competition Authority (Gazdasági Versenyhivatal – GVH)  
 15 initiated a competition supervision proceeding against the following  
 16 undertakings: Samsung SDI Co., Ltd., Samsung SDI Germany GmbH,  
 17 Samsung SDI Magyarország Zrt., Thomson TDP sp. Z.o.o., LG Philips  
 18 Displays Czech Republic s.r.o., LP Displays, Chunghwa Picture Tubes  
 19 (UK), Ltd., Chunghwa Picture Tubes, Ltd., Daewoo Orion S.A., Daewoo  
 Electronics Global HQ, Daewoo Electronics European HQ, MT Picture  
 Display Germany GmbH, Matsushita Global HQ, Matsushita European  
 HQ.

20 Based on the data available, the undertakings mentioned above concerted  
 21 their practice regarding the manufacturing and distribution of cathode-ray  
 22 tubes (including coloured picture tubes and coloured screen tubes) on the  
 23 European market between 1995 and 2007. The anti-competitive behaviour  
 24 may have concerned the exchange of sensitive market information (about  
 25 prices, volumes sold, demand and the extent to which capacities were  
 exploited), price-fixing, the allocation of market shares, consumers and  
 volumes to be sold, the limitation of output and coordination concerning  
 the production. The undertakings evolved a structural system and  
 functional mechanism of cooperation.

26 According to the available evidences it is presumable that the coordination  
 27 of European and Asian undertakings regarding to the European market also  
 28 included Hungary from 1995 to 2007. The coordination concerning the  
 Hungarian market allegedly formed part of the European coordination.

1 Samsung SDI Magyarország was called into the proceeding since it  
2 manufactured and sold cathode-ray tubes in Hungary in the examined  
3 period, and it allegedly participated in the coordination between its parent  
4 companies.

5 209. As outlined above, Defendants have a history of competitor contacts resulting  
6 from joint ventures, numerous cross-licensing agreements, and other alliances in related  
7 businesses in the electronics industry.

8 210. Several Defendants also have a history of “cooperation” and anticompetitive  
9 conduct. For example, Defendant Samsung was fined \$300 million by the U.S. Department of  
10 Justice in October 2005 for participating in a conspiracy to fix the prices of Dynamic Random  
11 Access Memory (DRAM).

12 211. Defendants Samsung and Toshiba have acknowledged being contacted by the  
13 U.S. Department of Justice as part of an ongoing investigation for fixing prices of Static  
14 Random Access Memory and NAND Flash Memory.

15 212. In December 2006, government authorities in Japan, Korea, the European Union  
16 and the United States revealed a comprehensive investigation into anticompetitive conduct in  
17 the closely-related TFT-LCD market.

18 213. On December 12, 2006, news reports indicated that Defendants Samsung and  
19 Chunghwa, as well as an LCD joint venture between Defendants Philips and LG Electronics,  
20 Inc, LG Display Co., Ltd., were all under investigation for price fixing of TFT-LCDs.

21 214. On November 12, 2008, the DOJ announced that it had reached agreements with  
22 three TFT-LCD manufacturers—LG Display Co., Ltd. (and its U.S. subsidiary, LG Display  
23 America, Inc.), Sharp Corporation, and Defendant Chunghwa Picture Tubes, Ltd.—to plead  
24 guilty to violations of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1, and pay a total of \$585  
25 million in criminal fines for their roles in a conspiracy to fix prices of TFT-LCD panels.

26 215. On March 10, 2009, the DOJ announced that it had reached an agreement with  
27 Defendant Hitachi Displays, Ltd., a subsidiary of Defendant Hitachi, Ltd., to plead guilty to  
28 violations of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1, and pay a \$31 million fine for its role  
in a conspiracy to fix the prices of TFT-LCD panels.

1           216. The indictments of LG Display Co., Ltd., Sharp Corporation, Chunghwa Picture  
2 Tubes, Ltd. and Hitachi Displays, Ltd., all state that the combination and conspiracy to fix the  
3 prices of TFT-LCDs was carried out, in part, in the Northern District of California.

4           **IX. THE PASS-THROUGH OF OVERCHARGES TO CONSUMERS**

5           217. Defendants' conspiracy to fix, raise, maintain and stabilize the price of CRT  
6 Products at artificial levels resulted in harm to Plaintiffs and the indirect purchaser consumer  
7 classes alleged herein because it resulted in their paying higher prices for CRT Products than  
8 they would have paid in the absence of Defendants' conspiracy. The entire overcharge at issue  
9 was passed on to Plaintiffs and members of the indirect purchaser classes. As the DOJ  
10 acknowledged in announcing the indictment of defendant Chunghwa's former Chairman and  
11 CEO, "This conspiracy harmed countless Americans who purchased computers and televisions  
12 using cathode ray tubes sold at fixed prices."

13           218. The Defendants identified above that attended the Glass Meetings, monitored the  
14 prices of televisions and computer monitors sold in the U.S. and elsewhere on a regular basis.  
15 The purpose and effect of investigating such retail market data was at least three fold. First, it  
16 permitted Defendants, such as Chunghwa, which did not manufacture CRT televisions or  
17 computer monitors the way that Samsung, LG, Daewoo, Panasonic, Toshiba, Philips, and  
18 Hitachi did, to police the price fixing agreement to make sure that intra-defendant CRT sales  
19 were kept at supra-competitive levels. Secondly, it permitted all Defendants to police their price  
20 fixing agreement to independent OEMs who would reduce prices for finished goods if there was  
21 a corresponding reduction in CRT prices from a Defendant. Finally, as discussed above,  
22 Defendants used the prices of finished products to analyze whether they could increase prices or  
23 should agree to a "bottom" price instead. The Defendants concluded that in order to make their  
24 CRT price increases stick, they needed to make the increase high enough that their direct  
25 customers (CRT TV and monitor makers) would be able to justify a corresponding price  
26 increase to their customers (for e.g., retailers and computer OEMs). In this way, Defendants  
27 assured that 100% of the supracompetitive overcharges for CRT Products were passed on to  
28 indirect purchaser consumers.

1           219. The indirect purchaser consumer buys CRT Products from either a computer or  
2 TV OEM such as Dell or Sharp, or a reseller such as Best Buy.

3           220. Because of the breadth of the price-fixing conspiracy here, the direct purchaser  
4 CRT TV and monitor manufacturers were not constrained by their competitors from passing on  
5 the overcharge. Because each of the direct purchaser's competitors were also buying CRTs at  
6 supracompetitive prices from conspiracy members, no direct purchaser faced end-product price  
7 competition from a competitor that was not paying supracompetitive prices for CRTs.

8           221. The price of CRT Products is directly correlated to the price of CRTs. The  
9 margins for CRT TV and monitor makers are sufficiently thin that price increases of CRTs force  
10 them to increase the prices of their CRT Products. This means that increases in the price of  
11 CRTs lead to quick corresponding price increases at the OEM level for CRT Products.

12           222. Computer and TV OEMs and retailers of CRT Products are all subject to  
13 vigorous price competition, whether selling CRT TVs or computer monitors. The demand for  
14 CRTs is ultimately determined by purchasers of products containing such products. The market  
15 for CRTs and the market for CRT Products are therefore inextricably linked and cannot be  
16 considered separately. Defendants are well aware of this intimate relationship, and use forecasts  
17 of CRT TVs and computer monitors to predict sales of and determine production levels and  
18 pricing for CRTs.

19           223. Computers and televisions are commodities with little or no brand loyalty such  
20 that aggressive pricing causes consumers to switch preferences to different brands. Prices are  
21 closely based on production costs, which are in turn directly determined by component costs, as  
22 assembly costs are minimal. OEMs accordingly use component costs, like the cost of CRTs, as  
23 the starting point for all price calculations. On information and belief, computer and TV OEMs  
24 price their end-products on a "cost-plus" basis. Thus, computer and television prices closely  
25 track increases and decreases in component costs.

26           224. The CRT is the most expensive component in the products into which they are  
27 incorporated. On information and belief, the cost of the CRT in a computer monitor is  
28 approximately 60% of the total cost to manufacture the computer monitor. On information and

1 belief, the cost of the CRT in a television is a slightly smaller percentage of the total  
2 manufacturing cost because a television has more components than a computer monitor, such as  
3 the tuner and speakers.

4 225. Economic and legal literature recognizes that the more pricing decisions are  
5 based on cost, the easier it is to determine the pass-through rate. The directness of affected costs  
6 refers to whether an overcharge affects a direct (*i.e.*, variable) cost or an indirect (*i.e.*, overhead)  
7 cost. Overcharges will be passed through sooner and at a higher rate if the overcharges affect  
8 direct costs. Here, CRTs are a direct and substantial cost of CRT Products. Therefore, Plaintiffs  
9 will be able to show that the overcharge on the CRTs was passed through to indirect purchasers.

10 226. Once a CRT leaves its place of manufacture, it remains essentially unchanged as  
11 it moves through the distribution system. CRTs are identifiable, discreet, physical objects that  
12 do not change form or become an indistinguishable part of the TV or computer monitor in which  
13 they are contained. Thus, CRTs follow a traceable physical chain from the Defendants to the  
14 OEMs to the purchasers of finished products incorporating CRTs.

15 227. Moreover, just as CRTs can be physically traced through the supply chain, so can  
16 their price by traced to show that changes in the prices paid by direct purchasers of CRTs affect  
17 prices paid by indirect purchasers of CRT Products. On information and belief, computer and  
18 TV OEMs price their end-products on a “cost-plus” basis.

19 228. In retailing, it is common to use a “mark-up rule.” The retail price is set as the  
20 wholesale cost plus a percentage markup designed to recover non-product costs and to provide a  
21 profit. This system guarantees that increases in costs to the retailer will be passed on to end  
22 buyers. For example, CDW, a large seller of CRT monitors, uses such a system. A declaration  
23 in the *DRAM* case from CDW’s director of pricing details exactly how they calculated selling  
24 prices:

25 In general, CDW employs a “building block” approach to setting its  
26 advertised prices. The first building block is the Cost of Goods Sold  
27 (COGS), which represents the price CDW paid to acquire the  
28 product...CDW...adds a series of positive markups to the cost to CDW to  
acquire a given product. These markups are in addition to the pass

1 through effect of changes in the costs charged to CDW for that product by  
2 a given vendor.

3 229. Economic and legal literature has recognized that unlawful overcharges in a  
4 component normally result in higher prices for products containing that price-fixed component.  
5 As Professor Herbert Hovenkamp, a noted antitrust scholar, has stated in his treatise, FEDERAL  
6 ANTITRUST POLICY, THE LAW OF COMPETITION AND ITS PRACTICE (1994) at 624:

7 A monopoly charge at the top of the distribution chain generally results in  
8 higher prices at every level below. For example, if production of  
9 aluminum is monopolized or cartelized, fabricators of aluminum  
10 cookware will pay higher prices for aluminum. In most cases they will  
11 absorb part of these increased costs themselves and will pass part along to  
12 cookware wholesalers. The wholesalers will charge higher prices to the  
13 retail stores, and the stores will do it once again to retail consumers.  
14 Every person at every stage in the chain will be poorer as a result of the  
15 monopoly price at the top.

16 Theoretically, one can calculate the percentage of any overcharge that a  
17 firm at one distributional level will pass on to those at the next level.

18 230. Similarly, two other antitrust scholars—Professors Robert G. Harris (Professor  
19 Emeritus and former Chair of the Business and Public Policy Group at the Hass School of  
20 Business at the University of California at Berkeley) and the late Lawrence A. Sullivan  
21 (Professor of Law Emeritus at Southwestern School of Law and author of the Handbook of the  
22 Law of Antitrust)—have observed that “in a multiple-level chain of distribution, passing on  
23 monopoly overcharges is not the exception; it is the rule.”

24 231. As Professor Jeffrey McKie-Mason (Arthur W. Burks Professor for Information  
25 and Computer Science, Professor of Economics and Public Policy, and Associate Dean for  
26 Academic Affairs in the School of Information at the University of Michigan), an expert who  
27 presented evidence in a number of the indirect purchaser cases involving Microsoft Corporation,  
28 said (in a passage quoted in a judicial decision in that case granting class certification):

As is well known in economic theory and practice, at least some of the  
overcharge will be passed on by distributors to end consumers. When the  
distribution markets are highly competitive, as they are here, all or nearly  
the entire overcharge will be passed on through to ultimate consumers....  
Both of Microsoft’s experts also agree upon the economic phenomenon of



1 cost pass through and how it works in competitive markets. This general  
2 phenomenon of cost pass through is well established in antitrust laws and  
3 economics as well.

4 232. The purpose of Defendants' conspiratorial conduct was to fix, raise, maintain and  
5 stabilize the price of CRTs and, as a direct and foreseeable result, CRT Products. The market  
6 for CRTs and the market for CRT Products are inextricably linked. One exists to serve the  
7 other. Defendants not only knew, but expressly contemplated that prices of CRT Products  
8 would increase as a direct result of their increasing the prices of CRTs.

9 233. Finally, many of the Defendants and/or co-conspirators themselves have been  
10 and are currently manufacturers of CRT TVs and computer monitors. Such manufacturers  
11 include, for example, Samsung, LG, Hitachi, Toshiba, Philips, and Panasonic. Having agreed to  
12 fix prices for CRTs, the major component of the end products they were manufacturing, these  
13 Defendants intended to pass on the full cost of this component in their finished products, and in  
14 fact did so.

15 234. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' illegal conduct, Plaintiffs and  
16 other indirect purchasers have been forced to pay supra-competitive prices for CRT Products.  
17 These inflated prices have been passed on to them by direct purchaser manufacturers,  
18 distributors and retailers.

## 19 **X. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

20 235. Plaintiffs bring this action individually and as a class action pursuant to the  
21 provisions of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of all members of the  
22 following class (the "Nationwide Class"):

23 All persons and or entities who or which indirectly purchased in the United  
24 States for their own use and not for resale, CRT Products manufactured and/or  
25 sold by the Defendants, or any subsidiary, affiliate, or co-conspirator thereof, at  
26 any time during the period from at least March 1, 1995 through at least  
27 November 25, 2007. Specifically excluded from this Class are the Defendants;  
28 the officers, directors or employees of any Defendant; any entity in which any  
Defendant has a controlling interest; and, any affiliate, legal representative, heir  
or assign of any Defendant. Also excluded are any federal, state or local  
government entities, any judicial officer presiding over this action and the



1 members of his/her immediate family and judicial staff, and any juror assigned to  
2 this action.

3 236. Plaintiffs also bring this action on behalf of themselves and as a class action  
4 pursuant to the provisions of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and/or respective  
5 state statute(s), on behalf of all members of the following State classes or subclasses  
6 (collectively "Indirect Purchaser State Classes"): Arkansas, Arizona, California, District of  
7 Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota,  
8 Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North  
9 Dakota, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

10 237. Each of the Indirect Purchaser State Classes is defined as follows:

11 All persons and or entities in Arkansas, Arizona, California, District of Columbia,  
12 Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota,  
13 Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota,  
14 South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin who or which  
15 indirectly purchased for their own use and not for resale, CRT Products  
16 manufactured and/or sold by the Defendants, or any subsidiary, affiliate, or co-  
17 conspirator thereof, at any time during the period from at least March 1, 1995  
18 through at least November 25, 2007.

19 All persons and entities in Hawaii who or which indirectly purchased for their  
20 own use and not for resale CRT Products manufactured and/or sold by one or  
21 more of the Defendants or any of their parents, affiliates, subsidiaries,  
22 predecessors or successors in interest at any time from June 25, 2002 through at  
23 least November 25, 2007.

24 All persons and entities in Nebraska who or which indirectly purchased for their  
25 own use and not for resale CRT Products manufactured and/or sold by one or  
26 more of the Defendants or any of their parents, affiliates, subsidiaries,  
27 predecessors or successors in interest at any time from July 20, 2002 through at  
28 least November 25, 2007.

All persons and entities in Nevada who or which indirectly purchased for their  
own use and not for resale CRT Products manufactured and/or sold by one or  
more of the Defendants or any of their parents, affiliates, subsidiaries,  
predecessors or successors in interest at any time from February 4, 1999 through  
at least November 25, 2007.

Specifically excluded from these Classes are the Defendants; the officers,  
directors or employees of any Defendant; any entity in which any Defendant has a  
controlling interest; and, any affiliate, legal representative, heir or assign of any

Defendant. Also excluded are any federal, state or local government entities, any judicial officer presiding over this action and the members of his/her immediate family and judicial staff, and any juror assigned to this action.

238. This action has been brought and may properly be maintained as a class action pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for the following reasons:

a. The Classes are ascertainable and there is a well-defined community of interest among members of the Classes;

b. Based upon the nature of trade and commerce involved and the number of indirect purchasers of CRT Products, Plaintiffs believe that the number of Class members is very large, and therefore joinder of all Class members is not practicable;

c. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of Class members' claims because Plaintiffs indirectly purchased CRT Products manufactured by Defendants or their co-conspirators, and therefore Plaintiffs' claims arise from the same common course of conduct giving rise to the claims of the members of the Classes and the relief sought is common to the Classes;

d. The following common questions of law or fact, among others, exist as to the members of the Classes:

i. Whether Defendants formed and operated a combination or conspiracy to fix, raise, maintain, or stabilize the prices of CRT Products;

ii. Whether the combination or conspiracy caused CRT Product prices to be higher than they would have been in the absence of Defendants' conduct;

iii. The operative time period of Defendants' combination or conspiracy;

iv. Whether Defendants' conduct caused injury to the business or property of Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes;

v. The appropriate measure of the amount of damages suffered by the Classes;

vi. Whether Defendants' conduct violates Section 1 of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. § 1) as alleged in the First Claim for Relief;

1                   vii.       Whether Defendants' conduct violates the Indirect Purchaser  
2 States' antitrust laws as alleged in the Second Claim for Relief;

3                   viii.       Whether Defendants' conduct violates the unfair competition and  
4 consumer protection laws of the Consumer Protection States as alleged in the Third Claim for  
5 Relief;

6                   ix.       The appropriate nature of class-wide equitable relief.

7                   e.       These and other questions of law and fact common to the members of the  
8 Classes predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, including legal and  
9 factual issues relating to liability and damages;

10                  f.       After determination of the predominant common issues identified above,  
11 if necessary or appropriate, the Classes can be divided into logical and manageable subclasses;

12                  g.       Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Classes in  
13 that Plaintiffs have no interests that are antagonistic to other members of the Classes and have  
14 retained counsel competent and experienced in the prosecution of class actions and antitrust  
15 litigation to represent them and the Classes;

16                  h.       A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and  
17 efficient adjudication of this litigation since individual joinder of all damaged Class members is  
18 impractical. The damages suffered by the individual Class members are relatively small, given  
19 the expense and burden of individual prosecution of the claims asserted in this litigation. Thus,  
20 absent the availability of class action procedures it would not be feasible for Class members to  
21 redress the wrongs done to them. Even if the Class members could afford individual litigation,  
22 the court system could not. Further, individual litigation presents the potential for inconsistent  
23 or contradictory judgments and would greatly magnify the delay and expense to all parties and  
24 the court system. Therefore, the class action device presents far fewer case management  
25 difficulties and will provide the benefits of unitary adjudication, economy of scale and  
26 comprehensive supervision in a single court;

i. Defendants have acted, and/or refused to act, on grounds generally applicable to the Classes, thereby making appropriate final injunctive relief with respect to the Classes as a whole; and

j. In the absence of a class action, Defendants would be unjustly enriched because they would be able to retain the benefits and fruits of its wrongful conduct.

## **XI. VIOLATIONS ALLEGED**

### **A. First Claim for Relief: Violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act**

239. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

240. Beginning at a time unknown to Plaintiffs, but at least as early as March 1, 1995, through at least November 25, 2007, the exact dates being unknown to Plaintiffs and exclusively within the knowledge of Defendants, Defendants and their co-conspirators, entered into a continuing agreement, understanding, and conspiracy to unreasonably restrain trade and commerce in the United States, in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. §1.

241. In particular, Defendants have combined and conspired to fix, raise, maintain or stabilize the prices of CRT Products sold in the United States.

242. Defendants, by their unlawful conspiracy, artificially raised, inflated and maintained the market prices of CRT Products as herein alleged.

243. The contract, combination or conspiracy consisted of a continuing agreement, understanding and concert of action among Defendants and their co-conspirators, the substantial terms of which were to fix, raise, maintain and stabilize the prices of CRT Products they sold in the United States and elsewhere.

244. In formulating and carrying out the alleged agreement, understanding, and conspiracy, the Defendants and their co-conspirators did those things that they combined and conspired to do, including, but not limited to the acts, practices, and course of conduct set forth above, and the following, among others:

- a. Participated in meetings and conversations to discuss the prices and supply of CRT Products in the United States and elsewhere;

- b. Agreed to manipulate prices and limit supply of CRT Products sold in the United States and elsewhere in a manner that deprived direct and indirect purchasers of CRT Products of free and open competition;
- c. Issued price announcements and price quotations in accordance with the agreements reached;
- d. Sold CRT Products to customers in the United States at non-competitive prices; and
- e. Invoiced customers in the United States at the agreed-upon, fixed prices for CRT Products and transmitting such invoices via U.S. mail and other interstate means of delivery.

245. The combination and conspiracy alleged herein has had the following effects, among others:

- a. Price competition in the sale of CRT Products has been restrained, suppressed and/or eliminated in the United States;
- b. Prices for CRT Products sold by Defendants and their co-conspirators have been fixed, raised, maintained and stabilized at artificially high, non-competitive levels throughout the United States; and
- c. Those who purchased CRT Products directly or indirectly from Defendants have been deprived the benefits of free and open competition.

246. As a direct result of the unlawful conduct of Defendants and their co-conspirators in furtherance of their continuing contract, combination or conspiracy, Plaintiffs and the members of the Nationwide Class have been injured and will continue to be injured in their business and property by paying more for CRT Products purchased indirectly from the Defendants and their co-conspirators than they would have paid and will pay in the absence of the combination and conspiracy.

247. These violations are continuing and will continue unless enjoined by this Court.

1           248. Pursuant to Section 16 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. § 26, Plaintiffs and the  
2 Nationwide Class seek the issuance of an injunction against Defendants, preventing and  
3 restraining the violations alleged herein.

4           **B. Second Claim For Relief: Violation of State Antitrust Statutes**

5           249. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and  
6 every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

7           250. Plaintiff Brian Luscher (“Arizona Plaintiff”) incorporates and realleges each and  
8 every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as  
9 follows:

- 10           a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce  
11 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or  
12 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,  
13 distributed or obtained in Arizona.
- 14           b. Defendants’ combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1)  
15 CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and  
16 eliminated throughout Arizona; (2) CRT Product prices were raised,  
17 fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout  
18 Arizona; (3) the Arizona Plaintiff and members of the Arizona Indirect  
19 Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT  
20 Products.
- 21           c. During the Class Period, Defendants’ illegal conduct substantially  
22 affected Arizona commerce.
- 23           d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ unlawful conduct, the  
24 Arizona Plaintiff and members of the Arizona Indirect Purchaser Class  
25 have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with  
26 further injury.

e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in restraint of trade in violation of Ariz. Rev. Stat. §§44-1401, *et seq.*<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, the Arizona Plaintiff and the members of the Arizona Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under Ariz. Rev. Stat. §§ 44-1401, *et seq.*

251. Plaintiffs Jeffrey Figone, Carmen Gonzalez, Dana Ross, and Steven Ganz (“California Plaintiffs”) incorporate and reallege each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- a. Beginning at a time presently unknown to Plaintiffs, but at least as early as March 1, 1995, and continuing thereafter at least up to and including November 25, 2007, Defendants and their co-conspirators entered into and engaged in a continuing unlawful trust in restraint of the trade and commerce described above in violation of Section 16720, California Business and Professional Code. Defendants, and each of them, have acted in violation of Section 16720 to fix, raise, stabilize and maintain prices of CRT Products at supra-competitive levels.
- b. The aforesaid violations of Section 16720, California Business and Professions Code, consisted, without limitation, of a continuing unlawful trust and concert of action among the Defendants and their co-conspirators, the substantial terms of which were to fix, raise, maintain and stabilize the prices of, and to allocate markets for CRT Products.
- c. For the purpose of forming and effectuating the unlawful trust, the defendants and their co-conspirators have done those things which they combined and conspired to do, including but in no way limited to the acts, practices, and course of conduct set forth above and the following: (1)

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<sup>1</sup> In compliance with Arizona’s Antitrust Act, Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 44-1415, Plaintiffs shall, simultaneous with the filing of this Second Consolidated Amended Complaint, mail a copy of the Complaint to the Arizona Attorney General.

fixing, raising, stabilizing and/or maintaining the price of CRT Products;  
and (2) allocating among themselves the production of CRT Products.

d. The combination and conspiracy alleged herein has had, *inter alia*, the following effects: (1) price competition in the sale of CRT Products has been restrained, suppressed and/or eliminated in the State of California; (2) prices for CRT Products sold by Defendants and their co-conspirators have been fixed, raised, maintained and stabilized at artificially high, non-competitive levels in the State of California; and (3) those who purchased CRT Products directly or indirectly from Defendants and their co-conspirators have been deprived of the benefit of free and open competition.

e. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and the members of the California Class have been injured in their business and property in that they paid more for CRT Products than they otherwise would have paid in the absence of Defendants' unlawful conduct. As a result of Defendants' violation of Section 16720 *et seq.* of the California Business and Professions Code, Plaintiffs seek treble damages and the costs of suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees, pursuant to Section 16750(a) of the California Business and Professions Code.

252. Plaintiff Jeshua Reza ("DC Plaintiff") incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in the District of Columbia.

b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and



eliminated throughout the District of Columbia; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout the District of Columbia; (3) the DC Plaintiff and members of the District of Columbia Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.

- c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected District of Columbia commerce.
- d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the DC Plaintiff and members of the District of Columbia Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury.
- e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in restraint of trade in violation of District of Columbia Code Ann. §§ 28-4501, *et seq.* Accordingly, the DC Plaintiff and the members of the District of Columbia Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under District of Columbia Code Ann. §§ 28-4501, *et seq.*

253. Plaintiff Daniel Riebow ("Hawaii Plaintiff") incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in Hawaii.
- b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Hawaii; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Hawaii;

(3) the Hawaii Plaintiff and members of the Hawaii Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.

c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Hawaii commerce.

d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Hawaii Plaintiff and members of the Hawaii Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury.

e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in restraint of trade in violation of Hawaii Code, H.R.S. § 480-4.<sup>2</sup>

Accordingly, the Hawaii Plaintiff and the members of the Hawaii Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under Hawaii Code, H.R.S. § 480-1 *et seq.*

254. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in Illinois.

b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout the Illinois; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout the Illinois; (3) Plaintiffs and the members of the Illinois Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.

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<sup>2</sup> On May 10, 2010, in compliance with Hawaii Rev. Stat. § 480-13.3, Plaintiffs served a copy of the Second Consolidated Amended Complaint on the Hawaii Attorney General.

- c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Illinois commerce.
- d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs and members of the Illinois Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury.
- e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in restraint of trade in violation of the Illinois Antitrust Act, Illinois Compiled Statutes § 10/3. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and the members of the Illinois Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under ILCS § 10/1 *et seq.*

255. Plaintiff Travis Burau ("Iowa Plaintiff") incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in Iowa.
- b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout the Iowa; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout the Iowa; (3) the Iowa Plaintiff and the members of the Iowa Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.
- c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Iowa commerce.

1           d.     As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the  
2                 Iowa Plaintiff and members of the Iowa Indirect Purchaser Class have  
3                 been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further  
4                 injury.

5           e.     By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in  
6                 restraint of trade in violation of Iowa Code §§ 553.1 *et seq.* Accordingly,  
7                 the Iowa Plaintiff and the members of the Iowa Indirect Purchaser Class  
8                 seek all forms of relief available under Iowa Code §§ 553.1.

9           256.   Plaintiff Southern Office Supply, Inc. ("Kansas Plaintiff") incorporates and  
10           realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and  
11           further alleges as follows:

12           a.     Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce  
13                 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or  
14                 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,  
15                 distributed or obtained in Kansas.

16           b.     Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1)  
17                 CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and  
18                 eliminated throughout Kansas; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed,  
19                 maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Kansas;  
20                 (3) the Kansas Plaintiff and members of the Kansas Indirect Purchaser  
21                 Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.

22           c.     During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially  
23                 affected Kansas commerce.

24           d.     As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the  
25                 Kansas Plaintiff and members of the Kansas Indirect Purchaser Class have  
26                 been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further  
27                 injury.

e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in restraint of trade in violation of Kansas Stat. Ann. §§50-101 *et seq.* Accordingly, the Kansas Plaintiff and the members of the Kansas Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under Kansas Stat. Ann. §§50-101 *et seq.*

257. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in Maine.
- b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Maine; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Maine; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Maine Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.
- c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Maine commerce.
- d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Maine Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury.
- e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in restraint of trade in violation of Maine Rev. Stat. Ann. 10, §§1101 *et seq.* Accordingly, Plaintiffs and the members of the Maine Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under Maine Rev. Stat. Ann. 10, §§1101 *et seq.*

1           258. Plaintiffs Andrew Kindt, James Brown, and Kory Pentland (“Michigan  
2 Plaintiffs”) incorporate and reallege each and every allegation set forth in the preceding  
3 paragraphs of this Complaint and further allege as follows:

- 4           a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce  
5 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or  
6 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,  
7 distributed or obtained in Michigan.
- 8           b. Defendants’ combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1)  
9 CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and  
10 eliminated throughout Michigan; (2) CRT Product prices were raised,  
11 fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout  
12 Michigan; (3) the Michigan Plaintiffs and members of the Michigan  
13 Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices  
14 for CRT Products.
- 15           c. During the Class Period, Defendants’ illegal conduct substantially  
16 affected Michigan commerce.
- 17           d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ unlawful conduct, the  
18 Michigan Plaintiffs and members of the Michigan Indirect Purchaser  
19 Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened  
20 with further injury.
- 21           e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in  
22 restraint of trade in violation of Michigan Comp. Laws Ann. §§ 445.771  
23 *et seq.* Accordingly, the Michigan Plaintiffs and the members of the  
24 Michigan Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under  
25 Michigan Comp. Laws Ann. §§ 445.771 *et seq.*

26           259. Plaintiffs Chad Klebs, David Norby, Alan Rotman, and Ryan Rizzo (“Minnesota  
27 Plaintiffs”) incorporate and reallege each and every allegation set forth in the preceding  
28 paragraphs of this Complaint and further allege as follows:

- 1 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce  
2 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or  
3 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,  
4 distributed or obtained in Minnesota.
- 5 b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1)  
6 CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and  
7 eliminated throughout Minnesota; (2) CRT Product prices were raised,  
8 fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout  
9 Minnesota; (3) the Minnesota Plaintiffs and members of the Minnesota  
10 Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices  
11 for CRT Products.
- 12 c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially  
13 affected Minnesota commerce.
- 14 d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the  
15 Minnesota Plaintiffs and members of the Minnesota Indirect Purchaser  
16 Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened  
17 with further injury.
- 18 e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in  
19 restraint of trade in violation of Minnesota Stat. §§ 325D.50 *et seq.*  
20 Accordingly, the Minnesota Plaintiffs and the members of the Minnesota  
21 Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under  
22 Minnesota Stat. §§ 325D.50 *et seq.*

23 260. Plaintiff Charles Jenkins ("Mississippi Plaintiff") incorporates and realleges each  
24 and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges  
25 as follows:

- 26 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce  
27 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or  
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1 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,  
2 distributed or obtained in Mississippi.

- 3 b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1)  
4 CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and  
5 eliminated throughout Mississippi; (2) CRT Product prices were raised,  
6 fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout  
7 Mississippi; (3) the Mississippi Plaintiff and members of the Mississippi  
8 Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices  
9 for CRT Products.
- 10 c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially  
11 affected Mississippi commerce.
- 12 d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the  
13 Mississippi Plaintiff and members of the Mississippi Indirect Purchaser  
14 Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened  
15 with further injury.
- 16 e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in  
17 restraint of trade in violation of Mississippi Code Ann. §75-21-1 *et seq.*  
18 Accordingly, the Minnesota Plaintiff and the members of the Mississippi  
19 Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under  
20 Mississippi Code Ann. §75-21-1 *et seq.*

21 261. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege each and every allegation set forth in the  
22 preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- 23 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce  
24 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or  
25 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,  
26 distributed or obtained in Montana.
- 27 b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1)  
28 CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and



eliminated throughout Montana; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Montana; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Montana Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.

- c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Montana commerce.
  - d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Montana Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury.
  - e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in restraint of trade in violation of Montana Code § 30-14-205.
- Accordingly, Plaintiffs and the members of the Montana Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under Montana Code § 30-14-201 *et seq.*

262. Plaintiff Daniel R. Hergert ("Nebraska Plaintiff") incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in Nebraska.
- b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Nebraska; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Nebraska; (3) the Nebraska Plaintiff and members of the Nebraska

Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.

- c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Nebraska commerce.
- d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Nebraska Plaintiff and members of the Nebraska Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury.
- e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in restraint of trade in violation of Nebraska Rev. Stat. § 59-801 *et seq.* Accordingly, the Nebraska Plaintiff and the members of the Nebraska Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under Nebraska Rev. Stat. § 59-801 *et seq.*

263. Plaintiff Samuel Nasto ("Nevada Plaintiff") incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in Nevada.
- b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Nevada; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Nevada; (3) the Nevada Plaintiff and members of the Nevada Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.
- c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Nevada commerce.

d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Nevada Plaintiff and members of the Nevada Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury.

e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in restraint of trade in violation of Nevada Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 598A *et seq.*<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, the Nevada Plaintiff and the members of the Nevada Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under Nevada Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 598A *et seq.*

264. Plaintiff Craig Stephenson ("New Mexico Plaintiff") incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in New Mexico.

b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout New Mexico; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout New Mexico; (3) the New Mexico Plaintiff and members of the New Mexico Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.

c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected New Mexico commerce.

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<sup>3</sup> In compliance with the Nevada Unfair Trade Practices Act, Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 589A.210(3), Plaintiffs shall, simultaneous with the filing of this Second Consolidated Amended Complaint, mail a copy of the Complaint to the Nevada Attorney General.

1 d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the  
2 New Mexico Plaintiff and members of the New Mexico Indirect  
3 Purchaser Class have been injured in their business and property and are  
4 threatened with further injury.

5 e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in  
6 restraint of trade in violation of New Mexico Stat. Ann. §§ 57-1-1 *et seq.*  
7 Accordingly, the New Mexico Plaintiff and the members of the New  
8 Mexico Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under  
9 New Mexico Stat. Ann. §§ 57-1-1 *et seq.*

10 265. Plaintiff Adrienne Belai ("New York Plaintiff") incorporates and realleges each  
11 and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges  
12 as follows:

13 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce  
14 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or  
15 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,  
16 distributed or obtained in New York.

17 b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1)  
18 CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and  
19 eliminated throughout New York; (2) CRT Product prices were raised,  
20 fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout New  
21 York; (3) the New York Plaintiff and members of the New York Indirect  
22 Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT  
23 Products.

24 c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially  
25 affected New York commerce.

26 d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the  
27 New York Plaintiff and members of the New York Indirect Purchaser  
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1 Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened  
2 with further injury.

- 3 e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in  
4 restraint of trade in violation of New York General Business Law § 340 *et*  
5 *seq.* Accordingly, the New York Plaintiff and the members of the New  
6 York Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under  
7 New York G.B.L. § 340 *et seq.*

8 266. Plaintiff Joshua Maida (“North Carolina Plaintiff”) incorporates and realleges  
9 each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further  
10 alleges as follows:

- 11 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce  
12 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or  
13 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,  
14 distributed or obtained in North Carolina.
- 15 b. Defendants’ combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1)  
16 CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and  
17 eliminated throughout North Carolina; (2) CRT Product prices were  
18 raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels  
19 throughout North Carolina; (3) the North Carolina Plaintiff and members  
20 of the North Carolina Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive,  
21 artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.
- 22 c. During the Class Period, Defendants’ illegal conduct substantially  
23 affected North Carolina commerce.
- 24 d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ unlawful conduct, the  
25 North Carolina Plaintiff and members of the North Carolina Indirect  
26 Purchaser Class have been injured in their business and property and are  
27 threatened with further injury.
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- 1 e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in  
2 restraint of trade in violation of North Carolina Gen. Stat. §§ 75-1 *et seq.*  
3 Accordingly, the North Carolina Plaintiff and the members of the North  
4 Carolina Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under  
5 North Carolina Gen. Stat. §§ 75-1 *et seq.*

6 267. Plaintiff Gary Hanson (“North Dakota Plaintiff”) incorporates and realleges each  
7 and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges  
8 as follows:

- 9 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce  
10 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or  
11 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,  
12 distributed or obtained in North Dakota.
- 13 b. Defendants’ combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1)  
14 CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and  
15 eliminated throughout North Dakota; (2) CRT Product prices were raised,  
16 fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout  
17 North Dakota; (3) the North Dakota Plaintiff and members of the North  
18 Dakota Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially  
19 inflated prices for CRT Products.
- 20 c. During the Class Period, Defendants’ illegal conduct substantially  
21 affected North Dakota commerce.
- 22 d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ unlawful conduct, the  
23 North Dakota Plaintiff and members of the North Dakota Indirect  
24 Purchaser Class have been injured in their business and property and are  
25 threatened with further injury.
- 26 e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in  
27 restraint of trade in violation of North Dakota Cent. Code §§ 51-08.1-01  
28 *et seq.* Accordingly, the North Dakota Plaintiff and the members of the

1 North Dakota Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available  
2 under North Dakota Cent. Code §§ 51-08.1-01 *et seq.*

3 268. Plaintiff Donna Marie Ellingson (“South Dakota Plaintiff”) incorporates and  
4 realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and  
5 further alleges as follows:

- 6 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce  
7 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or  
8 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,  
9 distributed or obtained in South Dakota.
- 10 b. Defendants’ combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1)  
11 CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and  
12 eliminated throughout South Dakota; (2) CRT Product prices were raised,  
13 fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout  
14 South Dakota; (3) the South Dakota Plaintiff and members of the South  
15 Dakota Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially  
16 inflated prices for CRT Products.
- 17 c. During the Class Period, Defendants’ illegal conduct substantially  
18 affected South Dakota commerce.
- 19 d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ unlawful conduct, the  
20 South Dakota Plaintiff and members of the South Dakota Indirect  
21 Purchaser Class have been injured in their business and property and are  
22 threatened with further injury.
- 23 e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in  
24 restraint of trade in violation of South Dakota Codified Laws Ann. §§ 37-  
25 1 *et seq.* Accordingly, the South Dakota Plaintiff and the members of the  
26 South Dakota Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available  
27 under South Dakota Codified Laws Ann. §§ 37-1 *et seq.*
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1           269. Plaintiffs Frank Warner and Albert Sidney Crigler (“Tennessee Plaintiffs”)  
 2 incorporate and reallege each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this  
 3 Complaint and further allege as follows:

- 4           a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce  
 5 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or  
 6 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,  
 7 distributed or obtained in Tennessee.
- 8           b. Defendants’ combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1)  
 9 CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and  
 10 eliminated throughout Tennessee; (2) CRT Product prices were raised,  
 11 fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout  
 12 Tennessee; (3) the Tennessee Plaintiffs and members of the Tennessee  
 13 Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices  
 14 for CRT Products.
- 15           c. During the Class Period, Defendants’ illegal conduct substantially  
 16 affected Tennessee commerce.
- 17           d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ unlawful conduct, the  
 18 Tennessee Plaintiffs and members of the Tennessee Indirect Purchaser  
 19 Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened  
 20 with further injury.
- 21           e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in  
 22 restraint of trade in violation of Tennessee Code Ann. §§ 47-25-101 *et*  
 23 *seq.* Accordingly, the Tennessee Plaintiffs and the members of the  
 24 Tennessee Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under  
 25 Tennessee Code Ann. §§ 47-25-101 *et seq.*

26           270. Plaintiff Margaret Slagle (“Vermont Plaintiff”) incorporates and realleges each  
 27 and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges  
 28 as follows:



- a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in Vermont.
- b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Vermont; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Vermont; (3) the Vermont Plaintiff and members of the Vermont Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.
- c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Vermont commerce.
- d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Vermont Plaintiff and members of the Vermont Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury.
- e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in restraint of trade in violation of Vermont Stat. Ann. 9 §§ 2453 *et seq.* Accordingly, the Vermont Plaintiff and the members of the Vermont Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under Vermont Stat. Ann. 9 §§ 2453 *et seq.*

271. Plaintiff John Larch ("West Virginia Plaintiff") incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or

1 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,  
2 distributed or obtained in West Virginia.

- 3 b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1)  
4 CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and  
5 eliminated throughout West Virginia; (2) CRT Product prices were raised,  
6 fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout  
7 West Virginia; (3) the West Virginia Plaintiff and members of the West  
8 Virginia Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially  
9 inflated prices for CRT Products.
- 10 c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially  
11 affected West Virginia commerce.
- 12 d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the  
13 West Virginia Plaintiff and members of the West Virginia Indirect  
14 Purchaser Class have been injured in their business and property and are  
15 threatened with further injury.
- 16 e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in  
17 restraint of trade in violation of West Virginia Code §§ 47-18-1 *et seq.*  
18 Accordingly, the West Virginia Plaintiff and the members of the West  
19 Virginia Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under  
20 West Virginia Code §§ 47-18-1 *et seq.*

21 272. Plaintiff Brigid Terry ("Wisconsin Plaintiff") incorporates and realleges each and  
22 every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as  
23 follows:

- 24 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce  
25 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or  
26 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,  
27 distributed or obtained in Wisconsin.

- b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Wisconsin; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Wisconsin; (3) the Wisconsin Plaintiff and members of the Wisconsin Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.
- c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Wisconsin commerce.
- d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Wisconsin Plaintiff and members of the Wisconsin Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury.
- e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in restraint of trade in violation of Wisconsin Stat. §§133.01 *et seq.* Accordingly, the Wisconsin Plaintiff and the members of the Wisconsin Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under Wisconsin Stat. §§133.01 *et seq.*

**C. Third Claim for Relief: Violation of State Consumer Protection and Unfair Competition Statutes**

273. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

274. Defendants engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, deceptive or fraudulent acts or practices in violation of the state consumer protection and unfair competition statutes listed below.

275. Plaintiff Jerry Cook ("Arkansas Plaintiff") incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in Arkansas.
- b. The foregoing conduct constitutes “deceptive and unconscionable trade practices,” within the meaning of Arkansas Code § 4-88-107 *et seq.*
- c. Defendants’ unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout the Arkansas; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout the Arkansas; (3) the Arkansas Plaintiff and members of the Arkansas Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) the Arkansas Plaintiff and members of the Arkansas Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.
- d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ conduct, the Arkansas Plaintiff and members of the Arkansas Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured and are threatened with further injury. Defendants have engaged in deceptive and unconscionable trade practices in violation of Arkansas Code § 4-88-101 *et seq.*, and accordingly, the Arkansas Plaintiff and members of the Arkansas Indirect Purchaser Class seek all relief available under that statute.

276. California Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint, and further allege as follows:

- a. Beginning on a date unknown to Plaintiffs, but at least as early as March 1, 1995, and continuing thereafter at least up through and including November 25, 2007, Defendants committed and continue to commit acts of unfair competition, as defined by Sections 17200, *et seq.* of the

1 California Business and Professions Code, by engaging in the acts and  
2 practices specified above.

3 b. This claim is instituted pursuant to Sections 17203 and 17204 of the  
4 California Business and Professions Code, to obtain restitution from these  
5 Defendants for acts, as alleged herein, that violated Section 17200 of the  
6 California Business and Professions Code, commonly known as the  
7 Unfair Competition Law.

8 c. The Defendants' conduct as alleged herein violated Section 17200. The  
9 acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices and non-disclosures of  
10 Defendants, as alleged herein, constituted a common continuous and  
11 continuing course of conduct of unfair competition by means of unfair,  
12 unlawful and/or fraudulent business acts or practices within the meaning  
13 of California Business and Professions Code, Section 17200, *et seq.*,  
14 including, but not limited to, the following: (1) the violations of Section 1  
15 of the Sherman Act, as set forth above; (2) the violations of Section  
16 16720, *et seq.*, of the California Business and Professions Code, set forth  
17 above;

18 d. Defendants' acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices and non-  
19 disclosures, as described above, whether or not in violation of Section  
20 16720, *et seq.* of the California Business and Professions Code, and  
21 whether or not concerted or independent acts, are otherwise unfair,  
22 unconscionable, unlawful or fraudulent; Defendants' act and practices are  
23 unfair to consumers of CRT Products in the State of California and  
24 throughout the United States, within the meaning of Section 17200,  
25 California Business and Professions Code; and

26 e. Defendants' acts and practices are fraudulent or deceptive within the  
27 meaning of Section 17200 of the California Business and Professions  
28 Code.

- 1 f. California Plaintiffs and each of the California Indirect Purchaser Class  
2 members are entitled to full restitution and/or disgorgement of all  
3 revenues, earnings, profits, compensation, and benefits that may have  
4 been obtained by Defendants as a result of such business acts or practices.
- 5 g. The illegal conduct alleged herein is continuing and there is no indication  
6 that Defendants will not continue such activity into the future.
- 7 h. The unlawful and unfair business practices of Defendants, and each of  
8 them, as described above, have caused and continue to cause the  
9 California Plaintiffs and the members of the California Indirect Purchaser  
10 Class to pay supra-competitive and artificially-inflated prices for CRT  
11 Products. The California Plaintiffs and the members of the Class suffered  
12 injury in fact and lost money or property as a result of such unfair  
13 competition.
- 14 i. The conduct of Defendants as alleged in this Complaint violates Section  
15 17200 of the California Business and Professions Code.
- 16 j. As alleged in this Complaint, Defendants and their co-conspirators have  
17 been unjustly enriched as a result of their wrongful conduct and by  
18 Defendants' unfair competition. The California Plaintiffs and the  
19 members of the California Indirect Purchaser Class are accordingly  
20 entitled to equitable relief including restitution and/or disgorgement of all  
21 revenues, earnings, profits, compensation and benefits which may have  
22 been obtained by Defendants as a result of such business practices,  
23 pursuant to California Business & Professions Code §17200 *et seq.*

24 277. DC Plaintiff incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the  
25 preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- 26 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce  
27 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or  
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1 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,  
2 distributed or obtained in the District of Columbia.

3 b. The foregoing conduct constitutes “unlawful trade practices,” within the  
4 meaning of D.C. Code §28-3904.

5 c. Defendants’ unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) CRT Product  
6 price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout  
7 the District of Columbia; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed,  
8 maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout the District  
9 of Columbia; (3) the DC Plaintiff and members of the District of  
10 Columbia Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) the  
11 DC Plaintiff and members of the District of Columbia Indirect Purchaser  
12 Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.

13 d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ conduct, the DC Plaintiff  
14 and members of the District of Columbia Indirect Purchaser Class have  
15 been injured and are threatened with further injury. Defendants have  
16 engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in  
17 violation of District of Columbia Code § 28-3901 *et seq.*, and accordingly,  
18 the DC Plaintiff and members of the District of Columbia Indirect  
19 Purchaser Class seek all relief available under that statute.

20 278. Plaintiffs Brady Lane Cotton and Colleen Sobotka (“Florida Plaintiffs”)  
21 incorporate and reallege each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this  
22 Complaint and further allege as follows:

23 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce  
24 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or  
25 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,  
26 distributed or obtained in Florida.

- b. The foregoing conduct constitutes “unfair methods of competition,” and “unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce” within the meaning of Florida Stat. § 501.204.
- c. During the Class Period, Defendants’ illegal conduct substantially affected Florida commerce and consumers.
- d. Defendants’ unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Florida; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Florida; (3) the Florida Plaintiffs and members of the Florida Indirect Purchaser Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) the Florida Plaintiffs and members of the Florida Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.
- e. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ conduct, the Florida Plaintiffs and members of the Florida Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured and are threatened with further injury.
- f. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Florida Stat. § 501.201 *et seq.*, and accordingly, the Florida Plaintiffs and members of the Florida Indirect Purchaser Class seek all relief available under that statute.

279. Hawaii Plaintiff incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in Hawaii.



- b. The foregoing conduct constitutes “unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce” within the meaning of Hawaii Rev. Stat. § 480-2.
- c. During the Class Period, Defendants’ illegal conduct substantially affected Hawaii commerce and consumers.
- d. Defendants’ unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Hawaii; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Hawaii; (3) the Hawaii Plaintiff and members of the Hawaii Indirect Purchaser Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) the Hawaii Plaintiff and members of the Hawaii Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.
- e. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ conduct, the Hawaii Plaintiff and members of the Hawaii Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured and are threatened with further injury.
- f. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Hawaii Rev. Stat. § 480-2. Accordingly, the Hawaii Plaintiff and members of the Hawaii Indirect Purchaser Class seek all relief available under Hawaii Rev Stat. § 480 *et seq.*

280. Plaintiff Barbara Caldwell (“Massachusetts Plaintiff”) incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- a. Defendants were engaged in trade or commerce as defined by G.L. c. 93A.
- b. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in a market which includes Massachusetts by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices

1 at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in  
2 Massachusetts.

3 c. Defendants took efforts to conceal their agreements from the  
4 Massachusetts Plaintiff and members of the Massachusetts Indirect  
5 Purchaser Class.

6 d. The foregoing conduct constitutes “unfair competition or unfair or  
7 deceptive acts or practices” within the meaning of Massachusetts G.L. c.  
8 93A, §2 *et seq.*

9 e. During the Class Period, Defendants’ illegal conduct substantially  
10 affected Massachusetts commerce and consumers.

11 f. Defendants’ unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) CRT Product  
12 price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout  
13 Massachusetts; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained and  
14 stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Massachusetts; (3) the  
15 Massachusetts Plaintiff and members of the Massachusetts Indirect  
16 Purchaser Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) the  
17 Massachusetts Plaintiff and members of the Massachusetts Indirect  
18 Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT  
19 Products.

20 g. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ conduct, the  
21 Massachusetts Plaintiff and members of the Massachusetts Indirect  
22 Purchaser Class have been injured and are threatened with further injury.

23 h. On May 7, 2010, in compliance with Massachusetts G.L. c. 93A, § 9,  
24 Plaintiffs mailed a written demand for relief to each of the Defendants  
25 named herein, which (1) identified the Massachusetts Plaintiff; (2)  
26 reasonably described the unfair and deceptive acts and practices, the  
27 injury suffered and the damages sought; and (3) requested that Defendants  
28 make a reasonable, class-wide tender of settlement.

- 1           i.       By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have engaged in unfair  
2                   competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of  
3                   Massachusetts G.L. c. 93A, §2. Defendants' and their co-conspirators'  
4                   violations of Chapter 93A were knowing or willful, entitling the  
5                   Massachusetts Plaintiffs and members of the Massachusetts Indirect  
6                   Purchaser Class to multiple damages.

7           281.    The Nebraska Plaintiff incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set  
8   forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- 9           a.       Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce  
10                   by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or  
11                   non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,  
12                   distributed or obtained in Nebraska.
- 13           b.       The foregoing conduct constitutes "unfair methods of competition and  
14                   unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or  
15                   commerce" within the meaning of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-1602.
- 16           c.       During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially  
17                   affected Nebraska commerce and consumers.
- 18           d.       Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) CRT Product  
19                   price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout  
20                   Nebraska; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained and  
21                   stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Nebraska; (3) the Nebraska  
22                   Plaintiff and members of the Nebraska Indirect Purchaser Class were  
23                   deprived of free and open competition; and (4) the Nebraska Plaintiff and  
24                   members of the Nebraska Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive,  
25                   artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.
- 26           e.       As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct, the Nebraska  
27                   Plaintiff and members of the Nebraska Indirect Purchaser Class have been  
28                   injured and are threatened with further injury.

f. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 59-1601 *et seq.*, and accordingly, the Nebraska Plaintiff and members of the Nebraska Indirect Purchaser Class seek all relief available under that statute.

282. The New Mexico Plaintiff incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in New Mexico.
- b. Defendants also took efforts to conceal their agreements from the New Mexico Plaintiff and members of the New Mexico Indirect Purchaser Class.
- c. The foregoing conduct constitutes “unfair or deceptive trade practices” and “unconscionable trade practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce” within the meaning of New Mexico Stat. § 57-12-3, in that such conduct resulted in a gross disparity between the value received by New Mexico Plaintiffs and the members of the New Mexico Indirect Purchaser Class and the prices paid by them for CRT Products as set forth in New Mexico Stat. § 57-12-2E.
- d. During the Class Period, Defendants’ illegal conduct substantially affected New Mexico commerce and consumers.
- e. Defendants’ unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout New Mexico; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout New Mexico; (3) the New Mexico Plaintiff and members of the New Mexico Indirect Purchaser Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) the New

Mexico Plaintiff and members of the New Mexico Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.

f. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct, the New Mexico Plaintiff and members of the New Mexico Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured and are threatened with further injury.

g. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of New Mexico Stat. § 57-12-1 *et seq.*, and accordingly, the New Mexico Plaintiff and members of the New Mexico Indirect Purchaser Class seek all relief available under that statute.

283. New York Plaintiff incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in New York.

b. Defendants also took efforts to conceal their agreements from the New York Plaintiff and members of the New York Indirect Purchaser Class.

c. Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected New York commerce and consumers.

d. The conduct of Defendants as described herein constitutes consumer-oriented deceptive acts or practices within the meaning of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 349, which resulted in consumer injury and broad adverse impact on the public at large, and harmed the public interest of New York State in an honest marketplace in which economic activity is conducted in a competitive manner.

e. As consumers, the New York Plaintiff and the members of the New York Indirect Purchaser Class were targets of the conspiracy.

1 f. Defendants' secret agreements as described herein were not known to the  
2 New York Plaintiff or the members New York Indirect Purchaser Class.

3 g. Defendants made public statements about the price of CRT Products that  
4 Defendants knew would be seen by the New York Plaintiff and the  
5 members of the New York Indirect Purchaser Class; such statements  
6 either omitted material information that rendered these statements that  
7 they made materially misleading or affirmatively misrepresented the real  
8 cause of price increases for CRT Products; and, Defendants alone  
9 possessed material information that was relevant to consumers, but failed  
10 to provide the information.

11 h. Because of Defendants' unlawful trade practices in the State of New  
12 York, there was a broad impact on the New York Plaintiff and the  
13 members of the New York Indirect Purchaser Class who indirectly  
14 purchased CRT Products; and the New York Plaintiff and the members of  
15 the New York Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured because they  
16 have paid more for CRT Products than they would have paid in the  
17 absence of Defendants' unlawful trade acts and practices, and are  
18 threatened with further injury.

19 i. Because of Defendants' unlawful trade practices in the State of New  
20 York, the New York Plaintiff and the members of the New York Indirect  
21 Purchaser Class who indirectly purchased CRT Products were misled to  
22 believe that they were paying a fair price for CRT Products, or that the  
23 price increases for CRT Products were for valid business reasons.

24 j. Defendants knew that their unlawful trade practices with respect to  
25 pricing of CRT Products would have an impact on the New York Plaintiff  
26 and the members of the New York Indirect Purchaser Class and not just  
27 Defendants' direct customers;  
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- 1 k. Defendants knew that their unlawful trade practices with respect to  
 2 pricing of CRT Products would have a broad impact, causing consumer  
 3 class members who indirectly purchased CRT Products to be injured by  
 4 paying more for CRT Products than they would have paid in the absence  
 5 of Defendants' unlawful trade acts and practices.
- 6 l. During the Class Period, each of the Defendants named herein, directly or  
 7 indirectly through affiliates they dominated and controlled, manufactured,  
 8 sold and/or distributed CRT Products in New York.
- 9 m. The New York Plaintiff and members of the New York Indirect Purchaser  
 10 Class seek actual damages for their injuries caused by these violations in  
 11 an amount to be determined at trial. Without prejudice to their contention  
 12 that Defendants' unlawful conduct was willful and knowing, the New  
 13 York Plaintiff and members of the New York Indirect Purchaser Class do  
 14 not seek in this action to have those damages trebled pursuant to N.Y.  
 15 Gen. Bus. Law § 349 (h).

16 284. The North Carolina Plaintiff incorporates and realleges each and every allegation  
 17 set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- 18 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce  
 19 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or  
 20 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,  
 21 distributed or obtained in North Carolina.
- 22 b. Defendants also took efforts to conceal their agreements from the North  
 23 Carolina Plaintiff and members of the North Carolina Indirect Purchaser  
 24 Class.
- 25 c. The conduct of Defendants as described herein constitutes consumer-  
 26 oriented deceptive acts or practices within the meaning of North Carolina  
 27 Gen. Stat. §75-1.1 *et seq.*, which resulted in consumer injury and broad  
 28 adverse impact on the public at large, and harmed the public interest of

1 North Carolina consumers in an honest marketplace in which economic  
2 activity is conducted in a competitive manner.

3 d. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially  
4 affected North Carolina commerce and consumers.

5 e. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) CRT Product  
6 price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout  
7 North Carolina; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained  
8 and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout North Carolina; (3) the  
9 North Carolina Plaintiff and members of the North Carolina Indirect  
10 Purchaser Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) the  
11 North Carolina Plaintiff and members of the North Carolina Indirect  
12 Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT  
13 Products.

14 f. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct, the North  
15 Carolina Plaintiff and members of the North Carolina Indirect Purchaser  
16 Class have been injured and are threatened with further injury.

17 g. During the Class Period, each of the Defendants named herein, directly or  
18 indirectly through affiliates they dominated and controlled, manufactured,  
19 sold and/or distributed CRT Products in North Carolina.

20 h. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts  
21 or practices in violation of North Carolina Gen. Stat. § 75-1.1 *et seq.*, and  
22 accordingly, the North Carolina Plaintiff and members of the North  
23 Carolina Indirect Purchaser Class seek all relief available under that  
24 statute.

25 285. The Vermont Plaintiff incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set  
26 forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

27 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce  
28 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or



1 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,  
2 distributed or obtained in Vermont.

3 b. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to the Vermont  
4 Plaintiff and members of the Vermont Indirect Purchaser Class  
5 concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices  
6 for CRT Products. Defendants owed a duty to disclose such facts, and  
7 considering the relative lack of sophistication of the average, non-business  
8 consumer, Defendants breached that duty by their silence. Defendants  
9 misrepresented to all consumers during the Class Period that Defendants  
10 CRT Product prices were competitive and fair.

11 c. Because of Defendants' unlawful and unscrupulous trade practices in  
12 Vermont, the Vermont Plaintiff and members of the Vermont Indirect  
13 Purchaser Class who indirectly purchased CRT Products were misled or  
14 deceived to believe that they were paying a fair price for CRT Products or  
15 that the price increases for CRT Products were for valid business reasons.

16 d. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) CRT Product  
17 price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout  
18 Vermont; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained and  
19 stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Vermont; (3) the Vermont  
20 Plaintiff and members of the Vermont Indirect Purchaser Class were  
21 deprived of free and open competition; and (4) the Vermont Plaintiff and  
22 members of the Vermont Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive,  
23 artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.

24 e. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' illegal conduct, the  
25 Vermont Plaintiff and the members of the Vermont Indirect Purchaser  
26 Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of  
27 Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive  
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commercial practices as set forth above. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein.

f. Defendants' misleading conduct and unconscionable activities constitutes unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Vermont Stat. Ann. Title 9, § 2451 *et seq.*, and accordingly, Vermont Plaintiff and members of the Vermont Indirect Purchaser Class seek all relief available under that statute.

**D. Fourth Claim for Relief: Unjust Enrichment and Disgorgement of Profits**

286. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

287. Defendants have been unjustly enriched through overpayments by Plaintiffs and the Class members and the resulting profits.

288. Under common law principles of unjust enrichment, Defendants should not be permitted to retain the benefits conferred via overpayments by Plaintiffs and class members in the following states: Arkansas, Arizona, California, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

289. Plaintiffs and class members in each of the states listed above seek disgorgement of all profits resulting from such overpayments and establishment of a constructive trust from which Plaintiffs and the Class members may seek restitution.

**XII. FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT**

290. Throughout the relevant period, Defendants affirmatively and fraudulently concealed their unlawful conduct against Plaintiffs and the Classes.

291. Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes did not discover, and could not discover through the exercise of reasonable diligence, that Defendants were violating the law as alleged herein until shortly before this litigation was commenced. Nor could Plaintiffs and the Class members have discovered the violations earlier than that time because Defendants conducted

1 their conspiracy in secret, concealed the nature of their unlawful conduct and acts in furtherance  
2 thereof, and fraudulently concealed their activities through various other means and methods  
3 designed to avoid detection. In addition, the conspiracy was by its nature self-concealing.

4 292. Defendants engaged in a successful, illegal price-fixing conspiracy with respect  
5 to CRT Products, which they affirmatively concealed, in at least the following respects:

6 a. By agreeing among themselves not to discuss publicly, or otherwise  
7 reveal, the nature and substance of the acts and communications in furtherance of their illegal  
8 scheme, and by agreeing to expel those who failed to do so;

9 b. By agreeing among themselves to limit the number of representatives  
10 from each Defendant attending the meetings so as to avoid detection;

11 c. By agreeing among themselves to refrain from listing the individual  
12 representatives of the Defendants in attendance at meetings in any meeting report;

13 d. By agreeing among themselves to refrain from taking meeting minutes or  
14 taking any kind of written notes during the meetings;

15 e. By giving false and pretextual reasons for their CRT Product price  
16 increases during the relevant period and by describing such pricing falsely as being the result of  
17 external costs rather than collusion;

18 f. By agreeing among themselves on what to tell their customers about price  
19 changes, and agreeing upon which attendee would communicate the price change to which  
20 customer;

21 g. By agreeing among themselves to quote higher prices to certain customers  
22 than the fixed price in effect to give the appearance that the price was not fixed;

23 h. By agreeing among themselves upon the content of public statements  
24 regarding capacity and supply;

25 i. By agreeing among themselves to eliminate references in expense reports  
26 which might reveal the existence of their unlawful meetings; and

27 j. By agreeing on other means to avoid detection of their illegal conspiracy  
28 to fix the prices of CRT Products.

1           293. As a result of Defendants' fraudulent concealment of their conspiracy, Plaintiffs  
2 and the Classes assert the tolling of any applicable statute of limitations affecting the rights of  
3 action of Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes.

### 4                                   **XIII. PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

5           WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray as follows:

6           A. That the Court determine that the claims alleged herein under the Sherman Act,  
7 state antitrust laws, state consumer protection and/or unfair competition laws may be maintained  
8 as a class action under Rule 23(a), (b)(2), and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as  
9 informed by the respective state class action laws;

10          B. That the Court adjudge and decree that the unlawful conduct, contract,  
11 combination and conspiracy alleged herein constitutes:

12                   a. A violation of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. §1, as alleged in the First Claim  
13 for Relief;

14                   b. A violation of the state antitrust laws as alleged in the Second Claim for  
15 Relief;

16                   c. A violation of the state consumer protection and unfair competition laws as  
17 alleged in the Third Claim for Relief; and

18                   d. Acts of unjust enrichment as set forth in the Fourth Claim for Relief herein.

19          C. That Plaintiffs and the Indirect Purchaser State Classes recover damages, as  
20 provided by the state antitrust, consumer protection, and unfair competition laws alleged herein,  
21 and that a joint and several judgment in favor of Plaintiffs and the Classes be entered against the  
22 Defendants in an amount to be trebled in accordance with such laws;

23          D. That Defendants, their co-conspirators, successors, transferees, assigns, parents,  
24 subsidiaries, affiliates, and the officers, directors, partners, agents and employees thereof, and all  
25 other persons acting or claiming to act on behalf of Defendants, or in concert with them, be  
26 permanently enjoined and restrained from, in any manner, directly or indirectly, continuing,  
27 maintaining or renewing the combinations, conspiracy, agreement, understanding or concert of  
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1 action, or adopting or following any practice, plan, program or design having a similar purpose  
2 or effect in restraining competition;

3 E. That Plaintiffs and the Classes be awarded restitution, including disgorgement of  
4 profits obtained by Defendants as a result of its acts of unfair competition and acts of unjust  
5 enrichment;

6 F. That the Court award Plaintiffs and the Classes they represent pre-judgment and  
7 post-judgment interest as permitted by law;

8 G. That Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes recover their costs of suit,  
9 including reasonable attorneys' fees as provided by law; and

10 H. That the Court award Plaintiffs and the Classes they represent such other and  
11 further relief as may be necessary and appropriate.

12 **XIV. JURY DEMAND**

13 Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury of all of the claims asserted in this Complaint so triable.

14 Dated: May 10, 2010

15 By: /s/ Mario N. Alioto  
16 Mario N. Alioto (56433)  
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